

Herein Is Hope

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## Home Missions Week

# "Herein Is Hope" Is Theme

Theme for the annual Week of Prayer for Home Missions, to be held March 2-9, will be "Herein Is Hope."

The theme is based on Romans 12:12, "Rejoicing in hope... continuing instant in prayer." It was selected by a committee of Women's Missionary Union leaders from several states who recommended overall plans for the Week of Prayer.

The eight days of prayer and study of 2,200 home missionaries in 50 states is prelude to the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering for Home Missions. National goal for the offering is \$8.5 million. Activities are geared to involve all church members, not just members of missions organizations.

Churchwide Easter Offering goals are set. Gifts are made by families as well as individuals.

Recommended activities include sermons and special music on the theme in church services, Home Missions Day in Sunday School on March 9, a family missions banquet and prayer service on Wednesday night, home missions dramas, and use of special visual aids prepared by the Home Mission Board and WMU for the week.

The Home Mission Board will be holding open its Hotline telephone (Area 404,875-7701), which persons can call station - to - station for home missions information and prayer requests.

Russell H. Dilday Jr., president

of the Home Mission Board and pastor of Second - Ponce de Leon Church in Atlanta, said that the "Herein Is Hope" theme is relevant both to the needs of the country and to the strategies of Southern Baptists.

"Political and economic crises have threatened the materialistic values in which many secular Americans have placed their trust," Dilday said. "Many who never cared before are urgently looking for answers. What an opportunity for us to point them to Christ and say, 'Herein Is Hope.'"

Dilday pointed out that Southern Baptists are uniquely able, by strength and belief, to share the

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## Committee Is Named To Plan Man, Boy Camp

Dr. Levon Moore, of Kosciusko, director of Missions for Attala Association, has been named as chairman of a committee of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board given the responsibility of developing a new man and boy camp near Kosciusko.

The man and boy Camp will be built on 220 acres of land northwest of Kosciusko which was purchased in July of 1974. It will be used for camping programs of the Mississippi Baptist Convention which will involve men and boys.

Other members named to the committee by Dr. Harold Kitchings, pastor of First Church Kosciusko and president of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, were all laymen. They are Hayes

Callicutt, Jackson; Joe Pigott, McComb; M. F. Rayburn, Meridian; and W. F. Robinson, Fulton.

Previous to 1969 Mississippi man and boy camping activities had been carried on at Camp Kittiwake. Facilities at that site were destroyed in Hurricane Camille, however. Money to purchase the new site came from the Camp Kittiwake reserve fund, and some of the funds needed to develop the Kosciusko property will come from the same source.

The new committee will handle the affairs of developing the site into one useful for camping activities. "This will be done over a period of several years," said Dr. Earl Kelly, executive secretary-treasurer of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board.

## Camp Zion Is Site For North Pastors' Retreat

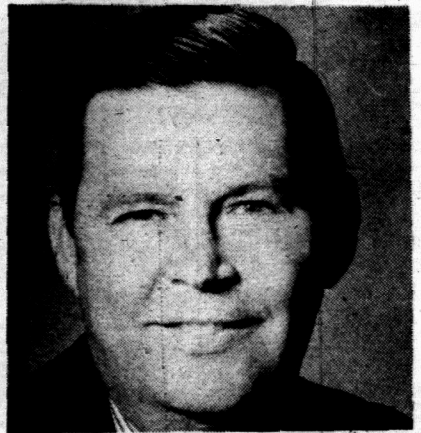
The North Mississippi Baptist Pastors Retreat will be held April 21-23 at Camp Zion, Myrtle, according to an announcement by Dr. Earl Kelly, executive secretary-treasurer of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board.

Rev. Leon Emery, church ad-

ministration consultant, will be in charge of the program.

Three program personalities from outside the state will appear. Dr. Fred M. Wood, pastor of Eudora Church, Memphis, will speak on four occasions as he conducts the Bible Study. Dr. James Barry, consultant in pastoral ministries of the Church Administration Department at the Sunday

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Fred Wood

## SBC Brotherhood Cuts Staff By 25%

MEMPHIS (BP) — Trustees of the Southern Baptist Convention's Brotherhood Commission — faced with a growing financial deficit—

have voted to cut the agency's 50-person staff by 25 percent and make other program cuts.

The action, eliminating eight members of the executive staff and four clerical - level personnel effective March 7, was taken in response to a recommendation by Glendon McCullough, executive director, and the agency's administrative committee.

"We feel we must balance the budget during this fiscal year and eliminate a \$146,933 deficit, and this action represents the only way to do it in our judgement," said McCullough.

Among those effected in the staff reduction were comptroller, E. M. (Buddy) Coleman, an employee of 23 years; Baptist Men's division director W. J. (Doc) Isbell, a seven - year employee; Royal Ambassador division director Jay Chance, 11 years; mission support department director Ben J. Connell, eight years; operations department director John Pate, 13 years; staff artist Jim

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## Foundation Receives Bequest For Foreign Mission Board

A check for almost \$16,500 and bonds in the amount of \$10,000 have been turned over to the Mississippi Baptist Foundation by Mrs. Birdie Lee Mulholland of Carthage, a member of First Church.

The presentation was made to Dr. Earl Kelly, executive secretary of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, and to Rev. Carey E. Cox, executive secretary of the Mississippi Baptist Foundation.

Rev. Cox said: "The check and bonds are a bequest from the will of Mrs. Effie

Grimes Carpenter, a native of Leake County, who lived for many years in the Conway Community. In her lifetime she demonstrated a love for her Lord, her church, Center Hill Baptist Church, and a genuine interest in missions. Her abiding interest in missions is shown in that the \$26,494.36 will be invested by the Mississippi Baptist Foundation and the total earned income will be remitted quarterly to the Foreign Mission Board. Mrs. Carpenter has gone to be with the Lord, but this bequest will be a living memorial

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## Cooperative Program Forerunner

# 75 Million Campaign — 'Blues' To Celebration

By James Lee Young  
For Baptist Press

The doughboys of World War I had come home. A peace treaty had been signed at Versailles. The universal prayer was that there might never be another world war.

The Roaring 20s were poised, ready to pounce into a decade that would be stereotyped in film, literature, and song as years of carefree abandon by the nation.

Underneath the hopes and false appearances of security lay hints of the impending financial disas-

ter that was to affect the nation. The year was 1919. Southern Baptists had plunged into an all-out fund-raising campaign to enlarge their convention work and pay all debts.

The program was called the "75 Million Campaign." The attempt to raise 75 million paved the way for the Southern Baptist "Cooperative Program," the denomination's unified budget plan now in its 50th year of operation.

The 75 Million Campaign was the biggest undertaking by Southern Baptists up to that time.

It proved at least that Southern Baptists could raise large sums of money for missions and other causes through cooperation.

It officially began May 14 - 18, 1919, and Southern Baptists raised \$58.6 million through the effort.

The five - year program 1919-24, was designed to provide support for all Baptist missionary, educational and benevolent work in the Baptist state conventions and the Southern Baptist Convention.

### Financial Aspects

It began at the May, 1919 SBC (Continued On Page 5)

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It's \$5,000—  
Not 35,000

One letter or number can make a great deal of difference in meaning, as was the case in The Baptist Record last week.

A report of a \$20,000 fund for relief of tornado victims in the Pike County area mentioned that the Home Mission Board had already put \$5,000 into the fund, meaning that \$15,000 would need to be borrowed from Convention Board reserves to set up the fund.

The only problem was that a typist's finger hit a 3 instead of a 5, and it seemed as though the

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J. Cauthen, executive secretary, "but the world hunger situation is about to plunge the world into new problems which will likely be beyond the problems we now see before us. It's obvious that we must increase our structure in order to handle the larger amounts of money which undoubtedly will come from the churches and the conventions on a continuing basis as we face the future."

### Read Resolution

Documenting his point, Cauthen read a resolution signed by 22 Baptist state executive secretaries, reaffirming the role of the board, which has more than 2,600 missionaries in 82 countries, as a channel for overseas relief. They encouraged the board in its efforts to administer relief to the world's needy people.

Eugene Grubbs, the board's consultant on laymen overseas, was named disaster response coordinator. In addition to his regular responsibilities, Grubbs will head a disaster response committee comprised of selected members of the agency's home office staff.

The newly-appointed sub-committee on world hunger and relief will help evaluate relief needs and

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## Coop. Program Receipts Above Budget, Jan. '74

January receipts for the Southern Baptist Cooperative Program from Mississippi Baptist Churches amounted to \$748,439, according to an announcement by Dr. Earl Kelly, Jackson, executive secretary-treasurer of the Mississippi Bap-

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Dr. Daniel C. York (seated) of Bellefontaine signs papers deeding almost 7,400 acres in timberland valued in excess of \$1.5 million to Mississippi College. It is the largest single gift ever given to the college. Observing the signing are, from the

left, Henry Lackey, Calhoun City attorney; George Thornton, Kosciusko attorney; Mrs. Daniel C. York; and Dr. Lewis Nobles, president of the college. (M.C. Photo by Norman H. Gough)



# SBC Brotherhood Cuts Staff By 25%

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Frazier, three years; order processing supervisor Dennis Murray, two years; and an associate World Mission Journal editor Steve Wall, a four-year employee who has been on a leave-of-absence since Oct. 1.

## Operating Budget

McCullough said the commission, which had a current operating budget of \$1.4 million voted last August, accumulated the budget deficit this way:

"During recent years, particularly the last two, the strategy of the commission has been to try to make major program achievements without the money in hand, but with the expectation the additional income needed to fund these projects would follow.

"Instead, inflation has reduced income from periodicals, and the small increases in Cooperative Program allocations recommended by the SBC Executive Committee are not adequate to cover the costs of this higher level of program services provided to Southern Baptists," McCullough said.

In regard to the services provided by the commission, which gives guidance in missions education to 461,080 men and Royal Ambassador boys in 14,425 Southern Baptist churches across 50 states, McCullough noted evidence of program achievements.

He cited Brotherhood enrollment increases for the last four years, a renewal program "enjoying" growing acceptance by thousands of Baptist churches, an increased emphasis on world missions conferences, expanded promotion of home and foreign missions and the Cooperative Program, introduction of a new missions publication (World Mission Journal), and "a new level of visibility in Brotherhood work generally."

## Deep Regret

Porter Routh, executive secretary - treasurer of the Executive Committee, expressing deep regret over the Brotherhood Commission's plight, noted that the commission received a 14.54 per cent increase (\$45,702) in the basic Cooperative Program allocation for 1974-75. That compares, he said, to a 5.88 per cent (\$2 million) overall operating increase for the total Cooperative Program basic budget.

The increase for the 1973-74 year for the Brotherhood Commission from the SBC Cooperative Program receipts, he said, amounted to 13.88 per cent (\$40,411), compared to 12.43 per cent increase (\$4,203,878) for the Cooperative Program as a whole.

"Both years, the per cent of increase for the Brotherhood Commission has been larger than the cost of living increase," Routh said, "The Brotherhood Commission's problems concern all Southern Baptists deeply, but any significant increase in Brotherhood funds would have to come largely from funds now allotted to foreign missions, home missions or theological education."

Routh expressed gratitude for the continued support of Southern Baptists to the Cooperative Program, which produced a record month of more than \$4 million in receipts in January on a national level. He also noted gratitude that none of the other 19 SBC national agencies operated last year at a deficit.

In terms of the overall financial picture of other SBC Agencies, none appear faced with drastic cutbacks, but — in the face of inflation and recession — agency

executives have initiated belt-tightening procedures.

## Revised Downward

At the SBC's largest agency, the Sunday School Board, for example, the 1974-75 sales budget has been revised downward by about \$2 million, from \$59,588,000 to \$57,675,000; in anticipation of a drop in sales revenue which the board depends upon for its operation.

"We continue to monitor the operations of the Sunday School Board in light of the uncertain national economic situation," states Grady C. Cothen, president. "As a result of actions already taken, we appear to be in good condition. We project some reduction in sales and have taken steps to minimize the impact."

Besides sales budget reduction, other steps include a freeze at the Sunday School Board on filling personnel vacancies, adding new jobs or transferring person-

nel within the board unless there are exceptional reasons for doing so.

Discussing Brotherhood Commission commitments, McCullough emphasized the agency would continue to maintain its usual broad range of services to state Baptist conventions, associations and churches at the highest level possible with a reduced staff.

"I have asked all remaining staff members to assume additional responsibilities of a temporary nature to insure the continued operation of all divisions without interruptions," McCullough said.

Bob Banks, McCullough's executive assistant for planning and promotion, will work with state Baptist leaders to attempt to fulfill commitments of former staffers.

## Foundation Gets Bequest For FMB

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to this wonderful Christian lady and her interest and concern for missions.

"Mrs. Mulholland, niece of Mrs. Carpenter, cared for her during her prolonged illness and served as executrix of her estate.

"Increasingly the Mississippi Baptist Foundation is assisting people with the writing of their wills whereby a bequest is included for some area of the Lord's work."

MADRID, Spain — William Estep, professor of church history at Southwestern Seminary, Fort Worth, Tex., will teach a seminary extension course sponsored by the Spanish Baptist Seminary here.



## Religious Education Association Meets

New officers of the Mississippi Baptist Religious Education Association are shown in the upper photo. Left to right, they are David Roddy, vice-president, First Church, Jackson; Marilyn Hopkins, secretary-treasurer, Woman's Missionary Union, MBCB; Albert Jones, president-elect, First Church, Laurel; and Marlan Seward, president, Alta Woods Church, Jackson. In the lower photo, Dan McBride, Texas satirist, chats with, left to right, Mose Dangerfield, host for a banquet at First Church, Biloxi; A. V. Windham Jr., Temple Church, Hattiesburg; and Seward.

## FMB Strengthens Disaster Efforts

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bring recommendations concerning ways to respond.

The relief committees on the field will evaluate relief needs and supervise relief ministries.

"News commentators almost daily are reminding us of the serious crisis upon the world, calculated to become more serious as the world's population continues growing rapidly and the production of food continues to lag behind," Cauthen said.

## Cited Examples

He cited examples of the increasing awareness among Southern Baptists about the prob-

lem and their determination to respond.

In other action, the board appropriated \$9,000 from relief funds to aid flood victims in South Thailand, recognized a retired minister who will fill a short-term assignment in Norway, and reappointed four missionaries.

James Middleton, who served as pastor of First Church, Shreveport, La., for more than 22 years, recently was invited by the board to go to Stavanger, Norway, for a period of service as pastor of an English-language Baptist congregation there. During the February meeting, Cauthen led a prayer of dedication, "setting him apart" for a ministry in Norway. Middleton will minister among Americans who work in the oil fields in the North Sea off Norway's coast.

Reappointed were Mr. and Mrs. James H. Green, previously missionaries to Mexico. They will serve in Panama, effective May 1. Mr. and Mrs. Richard E. Walker were reappointed for missionary service in Equatorial Brazil, where they served before resigning in 1972.

## Seminar For "Courting Couples"

A PreCana Seminar for engaged couples or those "going steady" will be conducted by Dr. J. Clark Hensley, Executive Director, Christian Action Commission, March 7-8 from 7 to 9:30 p.m. at Ridgecrest Church, Jackson. "Couples in the Jackson area are invited to participate providing they are reasonably sure they will be present for both sessions," Dr. Hensley stated.

Under the general theme "Talking It Over Before Marriage," discussion will be given to a number of subjects with opportunity to perhaps discover new communication techniques. Dr. Hensley added that he hopes pastors, Sunday School teachers, and prospective in-laws will call this announcement to the attention of young couples who may be interested.

## Providence Calls Larry Gafford

Rev. Larry Gafford has been called as pastor of Providence Church (Lebanon).

Mr. Gafford previously served churches in Florida and Tennessee, and goes to Providence from Walnut Hill Church, Walnut Hill, Florida.

He is a graduate of the University of Alabama and New Orleans Seminary. Mrs. Gafford is the former Annezell Smith, of Orrville, Ala., and is also a graduate of the University of Alabama. The Gaffords have a daughter, 12, and a son, 10.

## Study Committee Sets Public Session In Atlanta

ATLANTA (BP) — Southern Baptist wishing to express their views on a name change for the Southern Baptist Convention or the operation of the SBC Executive Committee are invited to set up an interview here March 31-April 1 with the committee appointed by the SBC to study these matters.

Appointments may be made on a first come, first served basis by contacting C. R. Daley, committee chairman, P. O. Box 43401, Middletown, Ky. 40243 (telephone, 502-245-4101).

Southern Baptist who cannot appear in person may share their views with Daley or other members of the committee in writing.

Daley said those desiring to meet with the committee must provide their own expense, since no funds have been provided by the convention for that purpose.

The Atlanta session is one of a series of methods being used by the committee, to gain information.

Daley said interviews have been conducted with all Southern Baptist agency heads, staff members of the Executive Committee, past and present elected Executive Committee members and others.

Members of the study committee will meet with Southern Baptist state executive secretaries and state Baptist editors in Mobile, Ala., during the annual meetings of the two groups there, Feb. 20-22.

In the meantime, state papers have included ballots on the question of a convention name change for any and all subscribers to register their views. Daley said the state paper surveys, along with a planned professional opinion survey of the entire Southern Baptist Convention, will strongly influence the committee in its report to the annual SBC meeting in Miami Beach in June.

## Revival Dates

First Church, Biloxi: February 23-28; Dr. Landrum Leavell, evangelist; Clint and Jarvis Rose Nichols, singers; Rev. Frank W. Gunn, pastor.

First, Charleston, youth-led revival Feb. 28 - Mar. 2; Evangelist Buddy Mathis of Miss. College and Pascagoula, speaker; services at 7:30 p.m. on Friday and Saturday evenings; at 11:00 a.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday; Wayne Carter, minister of music and youth.

First Church, Lumberton: Mar. 2-9; Rev. Perry Neal, Montgomery, Alabama, full-time evangelist, preaching; Tom Larrimore, music evangelist from Jackson, in charge of music; services during week at 10 a.m. and 7 p.m.; the team will be at Lumberton two Sundays; Rev. David E. Strebeck, pastor.

SAN JOSE, Costa Rica — Manuel Cordero, pastor of the Baptist church in San Ramon, has been elected president of the Costa Rican Baptist Convention for 1975.

## It's \$5,000 . . .

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Home Mission Board had put \$5,000 into the fund, though the story didn't say \$5,000 what. One would suppose it meant money.

The correct figure is \$5,000, however, meaning that the Convention Board is making an appeal for the churches in the state to help the churches in the tornado area by helping to replace the \$15,000 borrowed from Convention Board reserves.

On Feb. 17 Mississippi churches had given \$2,291 on tornado relief. This includes a \$1,000 check that came in on that day from Griffith Memorial Church in Jackson, where Wilson Winstead is pastor.

Including the \$5,000-check from the Home Mission Board, the total on Feb. 17 was \$7,291, leaving a balance of \$12,709 needed to repay the \$20,000 loan.

## Clergy Group Condemns Jailing Of Soviet Baptist

NASHVILLE (BP) — The national board of directors of the Academy of Parish Clergy (ACP) voted in a meeting here to "condemn the action of the Soviet government in its repression of religious freedom" and particularly "the action of Soviet authorities in sentencing to give years in prison, Georgi Vins, a Baptist leader in the USSR."

In a board action, signed by the ACP's executive director, Robert W. Croskey of Minneapolis, Minn., the ACP further resolved to "condemn the repression of

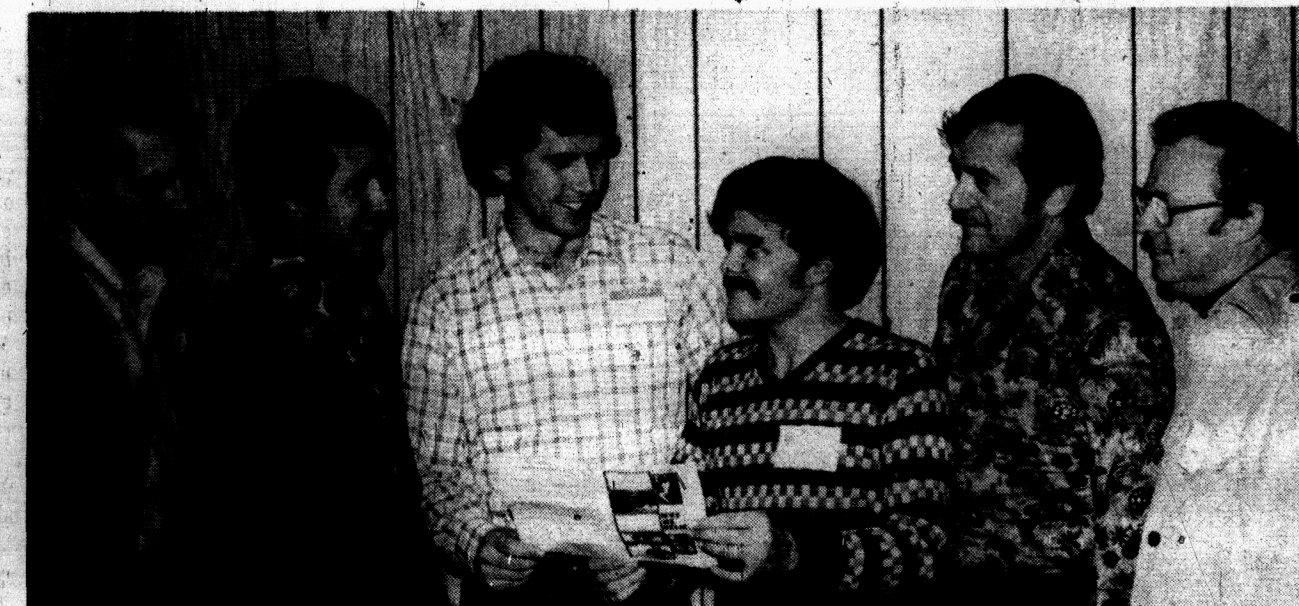
Jews in the Soviet Union requesting to emigrate" and urged that "they be granted basic human rights."

The ACP, founded in 1968, is made up of 1,100 Protestant, Jewish and Catholic clergy from 49 states of the United States and six foreign countries. Its national president is F. Dean Luking, pastor of Grace Lutheran Church, River Forest, Ill.

Vins, a leader of dissident Soviet Baptists, according to wire reports out of Moscow, was sentenced by a court in Kiev in the Uk-

raine to five years in prison and five years more in "internal exile" for "illegal religious activities."

Reportedly in poor health in a Kiev hospital, Vins, 46, was serving as an underground Baptist when he was arrested last March. He is executive secretary of the Council of Churches of Evangelical Christians - Baptists, a movement considered illegal by the Soviet government. It broke off several years ago from the officially-recognized All Union Council of Evangelical Christians-Baptists.



## Two-State Student Retreat

A mid-winter retreat for the Baptist Student Unions of Mississippi State University and Louisiana State University was held at Camp Garaywa. Some of the personalities of the retreat are shown above. They are, left to right, Jerry Merriman, BSU director at MSU; Charley Baker, minister of evangelism at First Church, Jackson; Jimmy Ross, BSU president at MSU; Tom Hudson, BSU president at LSU; Frank Pollard, pastor of First Church, Jack-

son; and Frank Horton, BSU director at LSU. Other program personalities included Bill Baker, pastor of First Church, Clinton; Mrs. Bill Baker; Wayne Coleman, associate pastor of Woodland Hills Church, Jackson; Harold Bryson, pastor of First Church, Carthage; George Halle, pastor of University Church, Baton Rouge, La.; and Tanner Riley, minister of music at First Church, Clinton.



## Jackson Host To Nationwide Student Group

Directors of Baptist Student work from all over the nation came to Jackson last week for the annual meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention State Student Directors' Association. Rev. Ralph Winders, Jackson, center, director of the Student Department for the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, was host for the gathering at the Jackson-

ian Inn. Others are, left to right, Chet Reames, Dallas, director of the Division of Student Work in Texas; Tom Logue, Little Rock, the Arkansas Baptist Student director; Sam Fort, Portland, secretary of the organization and student director in Oregon-Washington; and Keith Harris, Richmond, president and student director in Virginia.





### Cooperative Program Promotion

Participants in a series of Cooperative Program promotion meetings across the state are shown above with some of the church and association leaders who attended the meeting at First Church, Starkville. From left to right are Pat Posey, chairman of deacons and treasurer at First Church; Mrs. Kelton Anderson, Associational Woman's Mis-

sionary Union director; Miss Marjean Patterson, state WMU executive secretary; Dr. R. Raymond Lloyd, pastor of First Church; Rev. Carey E. Cox, executive secretary of the Mississippi Baptist Foundation; and Rev. John Alexander, director of the Mississippi Baptist Stewardship Department.



### Committee On Order Of Business

The Committee on Order of Business met last week to lay ground work for the program for the Mississippi Baptist Convention in November. Dr. John Lee Taylor, seated at end of table, pastor of First Church, Grenada, and chairman of the committee, stressed the fact that the committee is interested in receiving suggestions from Mississippi Baptists. Others are, left to right, Dr. Harold Kitchings, pastor of First Church, Kosciusko, and

president of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board; Rev. Clark W. McMurray, pastor of First Church, Pascagoula; Dr. Bob Ramsey, pastor of Calvary Church, Tupelo; Dr. Sarah Rouse, faculty member at Mississippi College; Dr. Earl Kelly, executive secretary-treasurer of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board; and Rev. Benton Preston, pastor of Midway Church, Jackson.

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When he had completed his work at Ole Miss, Dr. York went to Atlanta, Ga., and earned the doctor of dental surgery degree from what is now Emory University.

#### Only Real Wealth

"I have always felt the only real wealth we have in this section of Mississippi is our land and this is the reason I held on to every piece I felt I could buy and hold onto."

"I love the freedom you can enjoy by taking a walk through the woods and I've spent a lot of my life just wandering through the fields and forest."

Quick to admit that he had a fortune tied up in his land holdings spread over several north Mississippi counties, Dr. York said, "I know I could sell this property and have a whole fist-full of money and could buy almost anything I desired, but money is not what I want out of life."

"I've never been one interested in money or many of the material things of life. My ambition has been to help other people and I feel that through this gift to Mississippi College I will be able to help some fine young people make something out of their lives and maybe they, too, in years to come, will be able to help the college and their fellowman."

#### Not An Alumnus

Although Dr. York is not an alumnus of Mississippi College and has never set foot on the campus, he remembers some of its past leaders — especially the

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School Board, will conduct a special interest workshop on preaching. Dr. Reginald McDonough, supervisor of the Church Administration Services Section, Church Administration Department, Sunday School Board, will appear several times with motivation and delegations as his principal emphases.

In addition to Emery there will be nine Mississippians on the program. They are Rev. Ray

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tist Convention Board. The Cooperative Program is the Southern Baptist system of a voluntary unified budget whereby it supports its missions efforts throughout the nation and around the world.

The receipts from January of 1975 were \$37,950 greater than for the same period of the year before, which was an increase of 5.3 per cent. The January 1975 receipts were \$198,439 above the budget figure for the month of \$550,000, Dr. Kelly said.

#### Wife's Interest

Dr. York's interest in young people is stimulated in part by his wife's interest in this area. Mrs. York has been teaching school for a number of years and is currently serving as a first grade teacher in the Eupora school system. The Yorks have no children.

"I want to say emphatically that my wife, with good grace, postponed the acquiring of many material objects — such as a better home and automobile and many other things that most wives would have demanded — all of which has permitted me to make this large bequest. She's a real Christian."

"While we have only been married some 9½ years, her living — not just professing — the Christian life has had a major impact on my life."

In accepting the gift from Dr. York on behalf of the college, Dr. Nobles said, "Generations of young people yet unborn will be aided by this type of investment and one cannot begin to describe the influence such a gift as this will have on the future of this college, this state, and the world."



McDonough



Barry

Glover, pastor, First Church, Verona; Rev. Joel Haire, pastor, First Church, West Point; Rev. Jim Jeffreys, pastor, Furrs Church, Pontotoc County; Rev. G. Barry Landrum, pastor, First Church, Greenville; Rev. J. D. Lundy, director of missions, Holmes - Leflore Associations; Rev. Bill Nimmons, pastor, First Church, Tupelo; Rev. Carl Savell, pastor, Woodville Heights Church, Jackson; Rev. Robert Shirley, pastor, Parkway Church, Tupelo; and Rev. Jimmy Vance, pastor, Calvary Church, Starkville.

"How To" will be the emphasis for four presentations. Rev. Glover will speak on "How To Get Across To People," Rev. Haire on "How To Manage Your Time," and Dr. McDonough on "How To Inspire People to Work" and "How To Give Your Job Away."

Special Interest workshops will involve Dr. Barry on preaching;

### Herein Is Hope - - -

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message of hope with America. "No other large denomination has such a balance of assets," he said. "What an opportunity we have to lift up our Lord to our land and declare, 'Herein Is Hope.'"

Mrs. R. L. Mathis, president of the national Woman's Missionary Union organization, which promotes the Week of Prayer, said, "In the message of reconciliation through Christ, there is hope for all in our land to find peace and joy."

### Union (Clarke) Calls New Pastor

Rev. Mitchell Smith has resigned as pastor of Union Church (Walshall) to accept the pastorate of Union Church (Clarke) Route 1, Meridian.

Mr. Smith began his new duties on January 12. The church introduced their new pastor and his family to their community at a reception in their honor on Sunday, January 19.

Mrs. Smith is the former Diane Williams of Wayne County. The Smiths have two children, Redonda Diane, 5, and Ronald Jason, 1½. Both Mr. and Mrs. Smith attended William Carey College.

### Officers Re-Elected By Christian Action Commission

Rev. Bill Duncan, pastor of First Church, Picayune, has been re-elected chairman of the Christian Action Commission of the Mississippi Baptist Convention. The commission met in Jackson.

Marvin Graham, Mount Olive layman, has been re-elected vice-chairman; and Dr. Macklyn Hubbell, pastor of First Church, Cleveland, was elected secretary. Dr. Hubbell succeeds Rev. Bill Nimmons, pastor of First Church, Tupelo, who had completed his term as a commission member.

Dr. J. Clark Hensley, Jackson, is executive director of the commission.

The commission laid plans for smoking cessation clinics in cooperation with the Mississippi Inter-agency Council on Smoking and for Human Relations Workshops in January 1976. Members also heard plans for a Christian Citizenship emphasis in 1976 and approved the printing of six new tracts on citizenship. Plans for family life emphases in 1976 and 1977 were approved.



### This Is Possible Because Of The Cooperative Program

Twelve to fifteen boys from the refugee camps will be selected each fall out of up to 150 applicants, to study in Gaza Baptist Hospital School of Nursing. They will take an extensive-intensive course in English to be able to read and understand anatomy, physiology, psychiatry, etc., learn to spell it and how to apply it to nursing procedures.

After four years, there is a profound sense of accomplishment to see these young men and a few young women moving into remarkable places of responsibility around the world, including America, where they are considered excellent in their training. There is not a better place of witness in the modern world than with these students who stay with us at least four years, and see and hear the gospel in demonstration. Mrs. Roy McGlamery Gaza, Israel



HONORARY FIREMAN—James L. Sullivan, president of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board for more than 21 years, is made an honorary fireman by Metropolitan Nashville Mayor Beverly Briley in recognition of Sullivan's "having fought denominational brushfires." More than 1,000 persons attended the retirement program for Sullivan.

### Presents For The Presidents



A GIFT FROM THE STATE CONVENTIONS—Grady C. Cothen installed as president of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board Feb. 4, was presented an orchid lei by Mrs. Kathleen Kawamoto of Honolulu on behalf of all the Baptist state conventions. With them is James Abernathy (left) of Dallas, chairman of the Sunday School Board's trustees.

## Mississippi Musicians To Perform At PraiSing

Over 150 Mississippians will be going to Nashville March 10-13 for PraiSing '75. The Mississippi Singing Churchmen, composed of ministers of music, and the Mississippi Singing Women, a group of women made up of wives of ministers of music and some ministers of music themselves, plus graded choir workers, will be among the featured singing groups performing at PraiSing in Nashville, Tenn.

In addition to their participation in singing through the new Baptist Hymnal, they will present

a concert at First Baptist Church, Nashville, Tuesday from 2 to 3 p. m.

Two other groups from the state to participate are choral groups from Blue Mountain College and William Carey College.

PraiSing is a four-day celebration, as well as a premiere, of the new Baptist Hymnal. Every song and every word of the new hymnal will be sung by outstanding college and religious music groups in a 30-hour period beginning Wednesday evening.



### Baptist Opens Senate

Dr. John Lee Taylor, center, pastor of First Church, Grenada, delivered the invocation for the opening of the Mississippi Senate for the Feb. 12 session. He is shown above with Lt. Gov. William Winter, right, of Grenada, the presiding officer of the Senate, and Sen. R. B. Reeves of McComb, a member of First Church there and a deacon. Dr. Taylor is a former pastor of First Church, McComb.



# The Baptist Record

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## EDITORIAL

### Guest Editorial

## Leave Paper In The Budget

(Florida Baptist Witness)

(Editor's Note: Recently we received a story from Dr. Criswell, concerning the place of the state Baptist paper in the church budget, and decided to use it as part of an editorial. Other responsibilities prevented our getting it ready, and now a similar use of the article has appeared under the pen of Dr. Edgar R. Cooper in the Florida Baptist Witness. Since this says much of what we had planned to say we simply are reprinting it. We must add, however, that up to this time, only a very few Mississippi Baptist churches have found it necessary to cut the Baptist Record out of their budgets. Instead, we actually are adding new churches regularly, so that the circulation is now at an all time high of more than 118,500. Most of our Mississippi churches seem to feel that the Baptist Record is an indispensable part of their work, and do not plan to do without it. They have learned that it pays to have the state paper in the budget. Of course, we rejoice that they feel that way. This guest editorial simply tells the reason why this is not a time to drop the paper.)

In times of financial stress, churches often make unwise decisions. Congregations listening to defeated committees do not think. Stamped by fear of economic disaster, they lose their faith and retrench. Looking at the short haul, they fail to prepare for the long journey.

One of the worst decisions is to cut the state paper from the budget. It is the surest way to stifle growth and create denominational pygmies. In these days especially it is imperative that Baptists insist on exercising their right to know.

Congregations ought to see that the state paper is in the budget. Members of a Baptist church should not pay for the state paper as individuals any more than Sunday School literature should be ordered and paid for individually. Gifts given through the church should furnish information for the giver that is vital for missions, evangelism, stewardship and denominational understanding. It is plain good business.

The following article, "Three Things in a Row" by W. A. Criswell, pastor of First Baptist Church, Dallas, is challenging wisdom for those who are prone to be fainthearted and shortsighted.

—E.R.C.

Three things happened to me in a row.

On the way home to the parsonage I stopped by a large, spacious gasoline service station. Heretofore,

there had been gracious and kind employees to greet me, to fill the tank of the car, to wipe the windshield, to check the oil, batteries and tires. This time there was nobody with anything. It was then that I saw a sign "Self-Service."

Having never used a gasoline pump and seeing a man inside the service station, I walked over to him and implored him to show me what to do. As he was showing me, he said to me: "This is a sad, sad day. The company has this day dismissed 200 of their employees in the city of Dallas, making all of their stations self-service. There are 200 men whose families are in need. This is indeed, a sad, sad day."

Soon after the service station experience, I was eating dinner in a convocation of our church. I happened to be seated by a brilliant woman who is one of the most successful merchandisers in America. For years, through good times and bad, her company has grown in sales 40 to 60 percent per annum until the total has now reached astronomical proportions. I recounted to her my experience in the gasoline station. I told her about all the employees being dismissed and about it being a "self-service" station.

She replied: "That is exactly opposite of what ought to be done. When times get harder, our service ought to be the more generous and the more complete. As economic conditions worsen, we need to try harder to sell our products, to provide more amenities for the clientele, and to work doubly hard to encourage the people to respond to our sales appeal. By doing this, the people keep on buying, they like you better and sales continue to grow."

"In the case of that service station, in these hard times they ought to try to do twice as much to welcome their customers, to inform them of all they have to offer, and to go out of their way to encourage them to return. This is the way to build up the company. The way they have chosen to follow is not 'self-service.' It is 'self-defeat.' The harder the times, the more we need to inform, to make known what we are doing and to offer to do it better."

Soon after the above incident I was talking to a deacon in a large Baptist church. He said to me: "The times are hard. They are getting harder. Money is becoming increasingly difficult to raise. We are therefore preparing to cut down upon the expenses represented in our budget. One of the things that we are preparing to cut down is the item in the budget concerning our

Baptist paper. Possibly a few we need to subscribe for, but for the most part, we can do without it and save money."

I remembered the service station and how I felt when I drove into it with nobody to inform me how or what to do. I also remembered the brilliant woman who is still building her merchandising company even in these hard times. I replied to the deacon: "My brother, you are doing exactly opposite to what is good and best. As times get harder, you need to inform your people the more. As the budget is more difficult to raise, you need to tell your people what you are doing, why you are doing it and the purpose you are seeking to achieve."

"Now, of all times, is the time to increase the subscriptions to the paper, to scatter it in the homes of your people, to inform them and encourage them concerning the great work you are doing for God, and to believe that if the people are cared for, entreated for, included in all of your programming, God will place in their hearts the will to respond."

"Keep that Baptist paper in the budget. When you gather in your financial committees, seek to enlarge your services to the people. We need to be at our best when the times are at their worst."

So far as I know, this is about the best advice I have ever given to a deacon. In these hard times, this is no time to retrench in our services to our churches and to our members. This is the time to increase our ministries, to pour our best into the channels and media of information, to include them all prayerfully and earnestly in what we are trying to do for our Lord.

Stay with the Baptist paper. Increase its circulation. Send it to all the people. The reward will be great.

## Appreciation

There is a feeling of deep gratitude in my heart, and in the hearts of all members of my family, for your thoughtfulness and concern in the time of the illness and homecoming of my sister.

We thank you for your numerous cards, letters, messages, memorials, personal expressions, and especially for your prayers.

We shall ever be grateful for all that you mean to us.—J.T.O.

**GRACE IN THE WILDERNESS** by John W. Coffey, Jr. (Thomas Nelson, Giant Print Inspirational, paper, \$3.50, 142 pp.). Here are short, heartwarming meditations that will help the reader face his personal "wildernesses" of loneliness, doubt, despair, uncertainty, or moral confusion.

## THE BAPTIST FORUM

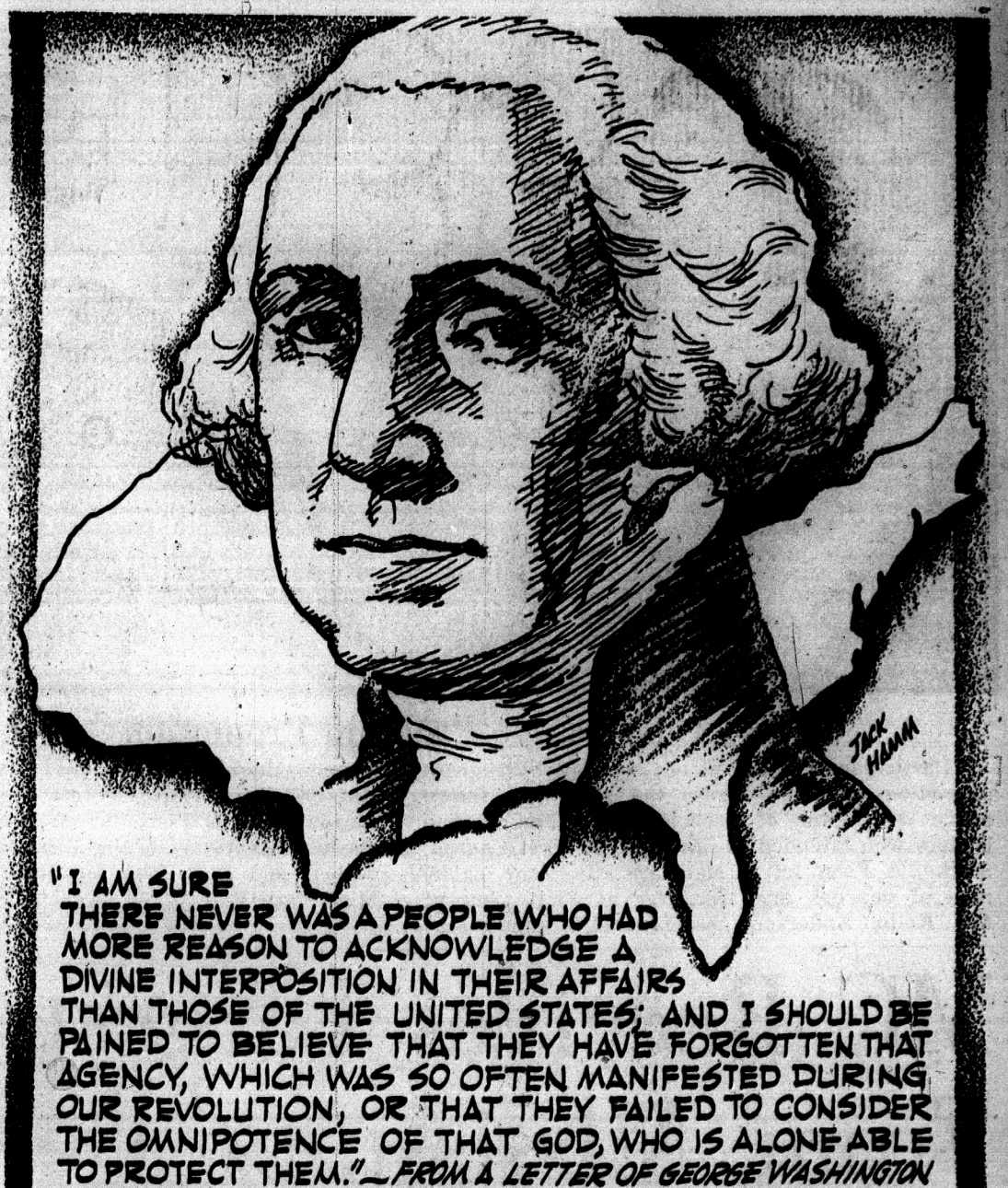
### Follow The Example Of America's Heroes

Dear Dr. Odle:

After two hundred historic years, Americans should be glad to remember the midnight ride of Paul Revere! Other patriots saw the signal light and rode to warn the people, but only one name was made famous, thanks to the poem by Longfellow. Some of our greatest Americans were unsung heroes, known only to God. They gave their best to God and Country, even if others got the glory. We should follow their example, for there is not always enough fame and fortune to go around.

When Thomas Jefferson wrote his own epitaph, he did not mention the fact that he had been president of these United States. He claimed authorship of The Declaration Of Independence, and his contribution to religious and intellectual freedom. In the glow of freedom's holy light, other things seemed less important.

Early in our history, the eagle was chosen as the emblem of America, and it has been a good omen, for a nation of pioneers. Not because he is a bird of prey, but he lifts up his eyes onto the hills, and soars to the weathering heights. He flies on through the storms of life, in spite of the turbulence of adversity, and builds his nest in the cleft of the rocks. Those who rocked the cradle of freedom did not break the bread of idleness, nor wait to be fed with a



## WROTE THE 'FATHER' OF OUR COUNTRY

silver spoon. The faith of our fathers claimed God's promise, and waited upon the Lord to renew their strength so they could mount up with wings as eagles. This is The American Dream, and it is far more beautiful than our modern nightmare which is full of politicians who are not statesmen, citizens who are not patriotic, and Christians who are not Christlike! Our great American heritage was given to us by those who rode the rapids, we cannot afford to let it go down the drain.

Ivor Clark, Chaplain  
The American Legion  
Department of Mississippi  
Box 496, Macon, MS 39341

## Responds To Poole's Statements On Name Change Question

Dear Dr. Odle: Please allow me to respond to the statements put forth last week by my good friend, Brother Hugh Poole of the Macon First Baptist Church, regarding the proposed name change for the Southern Baptist Convention.

First, Hugh points out that SBC growth is because of the work and witness of believers and not because of the name of the denomination. This is exactly the case. This is all the more reason for us to not get too uptight about our denominational label.

Second, he says that since we are having excellent growth under the present name, why tamper with progress. This sounds good, but keep in mind that he has just established in point one above that our growth is not related to our name but to our faithful witnessing. So, how could a name change possibly affect our growth adversely?

Third, Hugh points out (correctly) that names such as Christian, church, etc., are offensive to many — so, theoretically, we shouldn't get upset over those who find "southern" offensive. I tend to agree. The problem with this is that bearing the offense of Christ—His cross, church, etc.—is not what we are doing when people oppose us for our name "southern." To the best of my knowledge we named ourselves "southern," and any bad connotations that come to the minds of others is our problem, not the Gospel's.

A prospective pastor was turned down by a pulpit committee because he wore a mustache. He had to face a decision: did he value more the hair above his lip or the privilege of pastoring where Christ wanted him? That's our dilemma: is our name our greatest asset or the privilege of presenting Christ's gospel to the lost?

To be quite frank, I have yet to hear any good reasons for keeping our present name. The ones we hear repeated all smack of "we never did it that way before!" Great logic.

What's a good name? I don't know. Actually our work in the deep south will not be helped or hindered one bit by a name change. Only in pioneer areas will the change be welcomed. A useless stigma would be dropped. A stigma that does us no good and inflames the prejudices of others. We can do without the name "southern" for the gospel's sake.

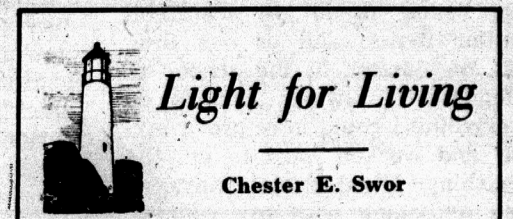
Joe N. McKeever  
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## Says BR Is Biggest Bargain In Mississippi

Dear Sir

I really enjoy your paper. It's the best bargain in Mississippi. Besides good reading, I always get a great lift after reading it. Keep up the good work. God bless you.

T. E. Childs  
Eupora, MS.



"It's Me, Oh Lord!"

Many readers will remember well one of the great favorites among the musical spirituals which have charmed our land for many decades: "NOT MY BROTHER, NOT MY SISTER, BUT IT'S ME, OH LORD, A-STANDIN' IN THE NEED OF PRAYER."

One of the many splendid applications of that musical message is this: so often the things which upset or anger us are not attributable to the people and circumstances which confront us, but, rather, attributable to our own selfishness, impatience, vanity, shallowness, physical weariness, or some other factor which makes us unfit to function as genuine followers of Christ. Instead of admitting our inadequacies, we are inclined to storm at people and circumstances with condemnation.

When we don't feel well physically, we are inclined to be short-tempered and tart toward people around us, unwilling to admit that the real trouble is with us and not with them. When circumstances do not please our concepts or preferences, we rarely, if ever, stop to say, "Well, the trouble could be with me." We are often so childishly and selfishly inclined to blame other people — sometimes, amazingly, to blame even God — and not ourselves.

We could change those unfortunate reactions on our part, you know. If we would develop more of sympathy and understanding, there would be more of compassion and less of blame and complaint in our hearts and on our lips. If we would develop more of patience, there would be less of impatience and "explosion" in our relationships with others.

If we would develop more of the optimism which Christian faith in our hearts should give rise to, there would be less of crying in despair. If we would accept difficulties as challenges and not as blighting misfortunes, we would achieve far more of thrilling victories and be spared the sickness of self-pity. If we would just be intelligent enough to admit physical unfitness when we aren't feeling well, and pray harder for total self-control in those instances, we would have fewer times of remorse for the hasty words spoken.

Remembering the Biblical injunction that we go to the ant, consider its ways and be wise, we may well paraphrase to say this: let's go to the oyster, consider what it does with its irritations, and profit therefrom. Some of the most irritated ones of us just might become noted producers of personality pearls!

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## NEWEST BOOKS

**THE LAST JEW OF ROTTERDAM** by Ernest Casuto, with Constance Faith Goddard (Whitaker House, paper, \$1.25, 159 pp.).

The Nazis called him "the last Jew of Rotterdam." This book tells the miraculous story of his escape from death camp and firing squad to begin a new life in America. It tells, too, about the miracle of God's saving him from going blind.

**JOY BEYOND GRIEF** by Colena M. Anderson (Zondervan, 80 pp., gift boxed).

This is a book about, and for, widows, written by a widow. It talks about the grief that comes after the husband's death, the self-pity, the restlessness, the memories, and then the breaking through to joy again, and renewal. It is a constructive book, and well-written.

**THE NEW WINE IS BETTER** by Robert Thom (Whitaker, paper, 239 pp., \$1.45).

This book traces Mr. Thom's life downward from a twelve-bedroom mansion in South Africa to the hopeless world of the alcoholic on the verge of suicide, and it tells of the whole new world he entered as he discovered faith in Christ, power and joy.

**LOVE MY CHILDREN** by Rose Butler Browne and James W. English (David C. Cook, paper, 250 pp., \$1.95).

One Christian woman's engrossing life story — its suffering, humor, and frustrations. It is the story of a crusader who, despite a double handicap (female and black), earned her doctorate at Harvard in the 1930's.

**CONFESS YOUR SINS** by John R. W. Stott (Word Books, \$2.50, paper, 94 pp.).

Here is new perspective on an all too frequently avoided subject. Mr. Stott defines confession, and examines the forms of confession. He says "There is no misery of mind or spirit to com-

pare with estrangement from God through sin and the refusal to confess it."

**ABORTION AND THE MEANING OF PERSONHOOD** by Clifford E. Bajema (Baker, \$3.95, 114 pp.).

This book presents the medical, psychological, emotional, and sociological aspects of abortion. Against legalized abortion, the author presents his case in a manner that is thorough, logical, and firm. Yet he treats the proponents of abortion with understanding.

**A PERSONAL ADVENTURE IN PROPHECY** by Raymond McFarland Kincheloe (Tyndale House, paper, \$2.95, cloth \$4.95, 214 pp.).

A self-help book on how to study and get something out of Revelation. The author takes a "pre-millennium modified - futuristic viewpoint" but encourages the reader to be an independent investigator of the truth.

**GOD HEALED ME** by Robert J. Baker (Keats, paper, \$1.15, 176 pp.).

Twenty-four Christian men and women witness to their experiences in divine healing. A book of joy and triumph.

**ORAL READING OF THE SCRIPTURES** by Charlotte I. Lee (Houghton-Mifflin, \$8.50, 198 pp.). This new book examines the techniques of oral delivery, the aspects of literary analysis of the Old and New Testaments and the literary modes found in the Scriptures (narratives, epistles, poetry and prophecies and revelations). It is aimed at fostering a deeper comprehension and fuller appreciation of Biblical literature when read aloud.

**THE CHRISTIAN MESSAGE FOR CONTEMPORARY MAN** by Stephen F. Olford (Word, \$2.50, paper, 111 pp.).

Five penetrating studies, drawn from I Corinthians, on the power of the gospel to work change in people today.





### 'Would You Let Me Finish?'

DALLAS—Dr. W. A. Criswell, pastor of Dallas' First Baptist Church, very pointedly asks Mrs. Madelyn Murray O'Hair to permit him to finish a statement. The couple appeared on a late-night

radio talk show in Dallas and their discussion covered theology, church-state separation, the validity of the Bible, and other related topics.

### On Radio—

## O'Hair-Criswell Debate Strikes Sparks In Dallas

By Dan Martin  
DALLAS (BP)—"I am aghast," W. A. Criswell said after his three-hour radio talk show with atheist Madelyn Murray O'Hair. "The result in my heart is one of amazement," he added.

Mrs. O'Hair summed up her opinion of Criswell, pastor of Dallas' First Baptist Church, after the marathon "debate": "I had expected an erudite, intelligent, educated, sophisticated man of the cloth. I find him crude."

Criswell also had an opinion of Mrs. O'Hair's opinions: "I am not accustomed to confronting a gutter thought and a gutter religion and a gutter theology and gutter attitudes. It is new to me."

The much publicized confrontation featured Criswell, former president of the Southern Baptist Convention, and Mrs. O'Hair, of Austin, Tex., whose objection to prayer in public schools led to the famous 1963 Supreme Court decision.

The pair struck sparks from the very first.

At a pre-talk show press conference, they admitted having met each other only 15 minutes earlier.

Asked why they were appearing on the Ed Busch Show on a statewide broadcast originating on WFAA Radio in Dallas, Mrs. O'Hair replied:

"I would like Dr. Criswell to understand that atheists are viable, warm, human, kind, intelligent, understandable, understanding, and durable people. We have the right to our opinions."

"I want everyone to understand that we are fine citizens and that our opinions are just as valid to us as the religious opinions are valid to them and that there must be a sphere of opinion in the United States big enough for both of us to operate in."

Criswell responded: "My whole attitude and circumference is that she has a privilege, of course, to be an atheist, but I think that what she is trying to do is destroy our churches... destroy the Christian faith in America."

The pattern which was to follow was established as Mrs. O'Hair interrupted Criswell to interject: "Only Christians can do that..."

"My impression of all that she does is that she is seeking to destroy the churches, and her words of freedom, of taxation, of all the avenues—nomenclature by which she approaches it—has as its ultimate end the destruction of our churches. I think that is what would please her. She would like that."

Criswell likened her pronouncements to those of "Russian propagandists," whom he said "sound exactly like Madelyn Murray O'Hair."

She countered that she "did not come here to defend my patriotism," and the battle was joined.

The pair insulted each other over academic qualifications.

A questioner for the 100-member studio audience asked about their educational backgrounds.

Mrs. O'Hair boasted of having a Ph.D. in theology, and Criswell asked: "Did you get it from a diploma mill?"

"That's insulting," she said. "It may be, but I want to know," Criswell countered.

When she replied it was from the Minnesota Institute of Theology, Criswell asked the audience: "Whoever heard of that?"

When he said he received his degrees from Baylor University (bachelor of arts) and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary (master of theology and Ph.D. in theology) she replied:

"You're no Princeton, you know. You're no Yale."

But, all in all, the biggest fight was over the Communism remarks Criswell made on the air, in the press conference, and during a station break.

He also said he "equates Communism with atheism and atheism with Communism."

The two disagreed on almost every point from the religion of the founding fathers of the nation to a definition of atheism.

Terms such as lie, half-truth, Fascist, Communist, red herring, exorcism, martyrdom, schizophrenia, repression, intolerance, narrow-mindedness popped up time and again.

Busch, who hosts the talk show—which also was videotaped for possible showing on television—pointed out before the confrontation began that it was "not a debate. It is a talk show..."

Nettled by her constant interruptions as he attempted to make his points, Criswell asked Busch to "keep her trap shut until I reply."

Criswell was asked on the air how he feels about Mrs. O'Hair. "I love her, for Jesus' sake," he replied, "but I hate everything she stands for."

Mrs. O'Hair took exception and called the response schizophrenic: "You can't love a person and hate the substance a person is possessed of. You can't separate the person from the idea. If you hate my ideas, you hate me."

One point both agreed on—after the show had ended—was that it was too "broad" and did not allow each the opportunity to properly rebut the remarks of the other.

Asked if he would do it again, Criswell replied: "I don't know. I would have to think it through."

Mrs. O'Hair, on the other hand, announced she is soon to leave on a trip to California where she has "54 radio and television appearances in two weeks, supporting atheists and organizing them."

Dan Martin directs press relations for the Baptist General Convention of Texas and associate chief of the Dallas Bureau of Baptist Press.

## South Korea Asks Baptist Preacher To Probe Oppression

ATLANTA (BP)—William L. Self, pastor of Wieuca Road Baptist Church here, has been invited to South Korea by the country's prime minister to examine the facts surrounding alleged religious oppression and report his findings.

Prime Minister Jong Kile Kim invited Self, a Southern Baptist minister, and his wife to visit, Feb. 17-26, upon the recommendation of Baptist evangelist Billy Kim, who led an evangelistic crusade in Wieuca Road Baptist Church last November.

Kim, interpreter for Billy Graham when the American evangelist preached to millions in his

South Korean crusade, said Self will be "the first American clergyman to be so invited," according to Jack U. Harwell, editor of the Christian Index, Georgia Baptist weekly newsmagazine.

The Korean evangelist, who some have called the "Billy Graham of the Orient," said, "Many people around the world have read one-sided stories about alleged religious oppression in South Korea. President Park Chung Hee wants American leaders to see the facts for themselves and to share these facts with others."

He said: "Dr. Self will have full access to all facets of South Ko-

rean life, including those people opposed to President Park, and he will be free to ask any questions on his mind."

The Selfs will have an official audience with President Park and meet members of the South Korean National Assembly.

Another purpose of his trip, he said, will be to speak in churches and evangelistic rallies and meet with missionaries of the 12.3-million-member Southern Baptist Convention, largest Protestant-evangelical denomination in the United States.

South Korea's invitation was officially presented to the Wieuca Road Baptist Church congregation on Feb. 2 by Billy Kim and In Deuk Kim, financial consultant to President Park and member of the South Korean National Assembly.

Reports have come from South Korea for many months that President Park was suppressing religious freedom. Methodist missionary George Ogle was deported in December for his public identity with people opposed to President Park.

Self is a member of the board of trustees of the Foreign Mission Board, the world's largest missionary sending agency, which has 2,600 missionaries in 82 countries. That includes 80 assigned to South Korea.



GOING TO SOUTH KOREA—William L. and Mrs. Self of Atlanta (from left) discuss their coming trip to South Korea with In Deuk Kim (center), financial consultant to South Korean President Park Chung Hee, and with Baptist evangelist Billy Kim. Self and his wife have been invited by the South Korean government to view the situation concerning alleged religious oppression in that country and report their findings. (BP) Photo by Steve Wright.

## 'Blues' To Celebration

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annual meeting in Atlanta, during which a campaign commission chaired by George Hays of Kentucky was named to consider financial aspects of the denominational program. Before the convention had ended its sessions, Hays and his committee had recommended the adoption of a campaign to raise \$75 million over a period of five years.

A motion by L. R. Scarborough of Texas recommended "that a committee of one member from each state be appointed by this Convention to plan, in co-operation with the state agencies and the organized agencies of this Convention, for a simultaneous drive to be taken each year in cash for a proportionate part of the \$75,000,000, the campaign being so arranged that the part to be raised each year shall be larger than that of the year before, and thus secure the largest part in the last year of the five."

"We further recommend," Scarborough continued, "that this committee, in conference with the general boards and the state boards, be requested to distribute the amounts among the different objects fostered by the Conventions and state boards, outside of local church support and apportion the amounts to the various states." His motion carried, and the campaign was underway.

The first meeting of the group in charge of the campaign was held in June, 1919 in Atlanta, Ga. The group was composed of the Southern Baptist Executive Committee, then a non-staff body, and the executive secretaries of the general convention agencies and state boards.

Nashville became the campaign headquarters. Offices were provided by the Sunday School Board. Scarborough, who was then president of Southwestern Seminary, was named the campaign's general director.

The next seven months were given to extensive and concerted promotion of the campaign, with Nov. 30 - Dec. 7, 1919 designated as Victory Week, in which the goal was to be reached.

### Exceeded Goals

At the May, 1920, meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention, Scarborough reported that, in spite of bad weather, many churches had exceeded their campaign Victory Week goals. About \$93 million had been pledged, with more than \$12 million already paid in.

The campaign commission reported its work done and a "Conservation Commission of the 75 Million Campaign" was named, with Scarborough as chairman and general director. Its duty was to "co-operate and lead in the collection of the pledges and the conservation of the causes involved in the 75 Million Campaign." This conservation commission's work ended on Jan. 1, 1925.

Based on the \$93 million anticipated receipts, denominational and state agencies, in many cases, overextended themselves and by 1925 Southern Baptists were head-over-heels in debt. Such was the plight of the denomination on May 13, 1925 at the SBC meeting in Memphis.

The Roaring 20s were in full swing. It was the first day of an historic session of the SBC in Memphis. Scarborough was to give his final report on the 75 Million Campaign.

The event occurred not far from the street in Memphis memorialized by blues composer and musician W. C. Handy in the "Beale Street Blues."

Southern Baptists launched "the

Cooperative Program" to get away from perennial financial blues. They revolutionized their piece-meal system of catch-as-catch-can giving and established a unified, systematic, and cooperative plan of raising and allocating funds, a lifeline for mission support for many years ahead.

SBC President George White McDaniel of Richmond chaired the five-day session in Memphis. The momentum on the issues of finances and cooperation began to build in the first session on May 13.

### Final Report

Scarborough presented his committee's final report. The campaign had clearly not achieved its monetary goal of \$75 million in receipts. But, "It came more nearly doing so than almost any other forward movement conducted by any of the larger denominations during the period immediately following the war" (World War I), he noted.

The 75 Million Campaign, Scarborough reported, had left Southern Baptists with "a great heritage," which was "more precious than life or gold, for them to love,

pray for, care for, support, promote with great spirit of co-operation and liberality." (The cooperative movement ultimately resulted in the SBC paying all its debts in full, with interest, while some other denominations were reportedly taking discounts on loans.)

He concluded his report by calling on Southern Baptists to ensure that "all the things promoted and advanced by the campaign and dear to the heart of our Saviour shall be cared for in a more glorious fashion by Southern Baptists' great, forward, co-operant movement."

"We must not lose the things we have already wrought through the mercies and power of God; but we must do our best to bring them to a full reward," Scarborough said.

Southern Baptists paid heed. The next item of convention business saw not the end for Southern Baptists' financial blues but an important step in that direction. The Cooperative Program was voted. A new era had begun for Southern Baptists.

This year—1975—is the 50th Anniversary of that event. (BP)

### Executives Transfer Panama Work

Arthur B. Rutledge, executive director, Home Mission Board, and Baker J. Cauthen, executive secretary, Foreign Mission Board, sign documents representing transfer of responsibility for mission work in Panama.

After seventy years of work, the HMB transfers responsibility for mission leadership to the FMB, completing a process begun ten years ago.



## Ford Consults Protestants - 'First Time In 10 Years'

By Stan Haste

WASHINGTON (BP)—Representatives from 20 Protestant and Orthodox denominations, belonging to the National Council of Churches, met at the White House with President Ford in a break with policies of two past presidents.

The occasion marks the first time in 10 years that an American President has invited leaders from among the nation's mainline denominations to the executive mansion. Many American Protestant and Orthodox groups split with the late President Lyndon B. Johnson over the Vietnam war. The deep freeze continued during the administration of Richard M. Nixon.

Baptists present at the meeting were James Christison, associate general secretary of the American Baptist Churches in the USA, S. S. Hodges, executive secretary of the Progressive National Baptist Convention, and Joseph H. Jackson, president of the National Baptist Convention, USA.

Ford hinted that the meeting was only the beginning to an ongoing dialogue with religious leaders. Christison and Hodges told Baptist Press, news service of the Southern Baptist Convention, the nation's largest Protestant-evangelical denomination.

### Extended Meeting

Although his schedule called for spending a half hour with the group, Ford extended the meeting for another 30 minutes. The group then spent another hour conferring with three administration officials

who specialize in the fields of human rights, the economy, and energy. "While it is public knowledge that the NCC and President Ford differ on a number of issues, including aid to Indochina and amnesty for draft evaders and deserters, the council's spokesmen were unwilling to discuss such differences after the meeting."

Instead, Claire Randall, the general secretary of the NCC and a member of the United Presbyterian Church, USA, told reporters, "We did not go in to grumble or complain but to lift up some concerns." She characterized the meeting as "very, very useful" and as an "historic occasion."

W. Sterling Cary, the president of the NCC and a United Church of Christ minister, underscored Randall's views. When Nixon was president, he said, "we were treated as subversive." He claimed that served members of the religious community were on the Nixon "enemy lists" and that his own telephone had been tapped. "This is fact, not fiction," he said.

Like Randall, Cary stated that the meeting with Ford was "very, very encouraging," despite some differences of approach to a number of national and international problems.

According to the two leaders, the discussion centered on three major areas—human rights, world hunger, and economic and energy related problems.



### Blue Mountain Recruiting

Tommy Saterfiel (seated) of Blue Mountain College is directing the activities of a recruiting team which is making stops at many area high schools in an attempt to increase the enrollment

at BMC. Members of the team are (from left) Raphael May of Blue Mountain, Gerry Jones of Coffeyville and Amy Nolan of Lancaster, Ohio.



## Names In The News

Sylvia Burnett is now serving as minister of music at Arlington Church, Lincoln County. Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Elvin Case of McCall Creek, she is married to John Burnett. The pastor is Rev. Fred Kirkland.

Wildwood Church, Laurel, on February 2 marked the 6th anniversary of their pastor, Rev. Billy G. Johnson. Mr. Johnson and his wife were given a gift of appreciation, during the morning worship service, and a reception was held in the evening.

David Worthington, of Araby, Louisiana, has accepted the position of minister of music and recreation at Ridgecrest Church, Jackson. He and his wife, Ashley, have moved to Jackson. Born in Shreveport, he graduated from Northeast Louisiana State College and New Orleans Seminary. Having taught school for a year following graduation from college, he spent 3 years in the U. S. Army, achieving the rank of Captain. He has served as minister of music and youth at Second Church, Greenville, Mississippi, and in several Louisiana churches.



Mrs. Molly Fairchild and her ventriloquist's dolls, Johnny the Baptist, and Dolly, will be speakers at Sunshine Church, Rankin County, February 23, for Church Training at 6:30 p.m. and evening worship at 7:30 p.m. Rev. Mike Willoughby, pastor, states that the public is invited.

Michael Catt is part-time minister of youth at Ridgecrest Church, Jackson. Son of



Mr. and Mrs. Grover H. Catt of Pascagoula, he is a senior at Mississippi College. He was licensed to the ministry in 1972, and worked as youth director at First Church, Marianna, Florida in 1973 and Moss Point in 1974.

A new minister of music and youth has assumed his duties at Oakland Heights Church, Meridian. Rev. Jim Dalrymple, a native of Guntersville, Alabama, comes to Meridian from First Church, Seagoville, Texas, where he served as minister of music and education. He has served churches in Illinois, Alabama, and Texas. Recently graduated from Southwestern Seminary, he was ordained by the Glen Iris Church, Birmingham, in 1973. He and his wife, Rae, are parents of three children: Shelley, 12; Gay, 10; and Perry, 2½. Rev. James E. Parker is pastor of Oakland Heights.



Belden Church, Belden, Miss. (Lee) licensed Carl Estes to the gospel ministry January 15. Carl is available for pulp supply and speaking engagements.

Dr. and Mrs. Charles L. Deever, missionary appointees to the Ivory Coast, may be addressed at 1901 W. Seminary Dr., Fort Worth, Tex. 76115. He was born in Jackson, Miss., and grew up in Clinton. Mrs. Deever is the former Dianne Sutherland of Bogalusa, La. Before they were appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1974, he had a dental practice in Clinton, Ms.



Mr. and Mrs. Tony Roper grew up in Belden community and were united in marriage May 18, 1974. He has 17 years perfect attendance in Sunday School and his wife, Reeta, has 16 years perfect attendance. They are members of Belden church, Rev. Banks Hardy, pastor.

Mr. and Mrs. Peyton M. Moore, missionaries to Vietnam, may be addressed at Box 107, Saigon, Vietnam. He is a native of Meridian.

## Life Saved, Churches Report At Honduran Baptist Meeting

MAPULACA, Honduras (BP) — In the midst of an annual meeting of the Honduras Baptist Convention here, Southern Baptist missionaries joined together to save a woman's life.

The woman, in a complicated state of labor, came asking for missionary doctor, David Harms who visits the area regularly.

Harms discovered the woman's unborn child was dead. He radioed Missionary Aviation Fellowship for a flight to take the patient to the hospital for emergency surgery.

A Ford pickup with a fiberglass cover, used by missionary Ralph Wilson, became an ambulance to take the woman to the airstrip. The cot placed in the truckbed was surrounded by the woman's relatives. Harms held the intravenous medicine he was administering as they rode on rocky mountain trails.

Thanks to immediate help, according to missionary press representative Sue Austin Wilson, a successful operation was performed in the Evangelical hospital in Siguatepeque and the woman's life was saved.

Missionaries report that many other gratifying events occurred at the convention and that Pastor Jorge Gonzalez, a graduate of the Baptist Theological Institute, and his congregation in Mapulaca "were well prepared to host"

the 47 delegates and other guests coming to the three-day program.

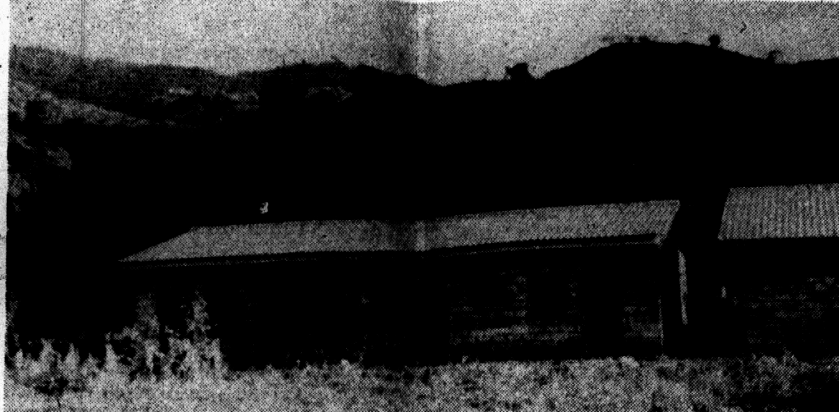
Church members and others in the community, some who were not believers, opened their homes, providing food and lodging.

Pastor Rafael Flores of Second Baptist Church, San Pedro Sula, said that people now know who Baptists are. Before the hurricane, Baptists were not well known in the area.

Services were held during the conference in the Mapulaca Plaza, which is dominated by the huge Catholic church. A priest comes to the church once a year to marry people and baptize the babies born during that year.

A single light bulb hung from a Ceiba tree. A series of wide concrete steps around the huge tree trunk provided a high platform for those leading the services as about 300 persons assembled in front of the platform — most standing, some sitting on benches brought from the Baptist church.

The people listened to missionary Wayne Wheeler's bass solo, "Cuan Grande Es El" ("How Great Thou Art") and sang to the accompaniment of Pastor Roman Pineda's accordion. (NOTE: Othniel Viera, president of the Honduran Baptist Convention and superintendent of grain elevators for the country of Honduras, studied at Mississippi State University.)



Pictured is one of three buildings at Baptist Theological Institute at Tegucigalpa. When the Honduran Baptist WMU convention met last fall at the Institute, Mrs. R. L. Mathis, one of the guest speakers, stayed in this building designed as a home for faculty.

### Used For Tools

## Mississippi Baptists Sent \$2000 For Hurricane Aid In Honduras

By Anne Washburn McWilliams  
Fifth In A Series

The \$2000 Mississippi Baptists sent to Honduras for hurricane relief was spent on tools for reconstruction — tools such as hammers and saws. Missionary Wayne Wheeler said. This money, though channeled through the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, was made up of designated gifts from churches and individuals.

"Also we gave many sets of tools and kitchen utensils to homeless people," he continued. Each "survival kit" included pots, pans, a coffee pot, a bucket, a skillet, a meat grinder, a dipper, a machete, and a hoe.

Most of the Southern Baptist missionaries to Honduras have in some way aided in hurricane relief since Fifi on September 19 killed 10,000 and left 129,000 homeless. Southern Baptists have been concentrating their relief efforts in the suburbs of San Pedro Sula, a city 40 miles inland from the north coast. Though stationed in Tegucigalpa, Mr. Wheeler has spent much time in the storm-struck area in the past six months. Baptist laymen from the States have helped to build an elementary school, a Baptist church building for a mission, and many homes. This reconstruction continues; the timetable calls for its completion around March 1.

"Emergency needs in the beginning were medical attention and provision of food," Mr. Wheeler explained. "Then the third phase was the rebuilding."

He and Missionary Ralph Wilson had met me in the gift shop at Hotel Maya where I was trying to spend my remaining lempiras. In the lobby of the hotel he introduced me to a dynamic and glamorous blonde — Rosagentina Pinel de Smith. "Another Baptist?" she responded with enthusiasm. "God love you!" Honduras' consul-general in San Antonio and married to an American, she has been in charge of hurricane relief from the States. Baptist for just a year, she wholeheartedly supports her new denomination. It was her appeal to Texas Baptists which resulted in their sending to Honduras a mobile disaster relief unit that could dispense 12,000 meals a day. This same mobile unit later doubled as motel for reconstruction crews.

"Second Baptist Church of San Pedro Sula sponsored tent meetings in the area of reconstruction; Spanish-speaking Texans helped with these and at least 200 professions of faith were reported," Mr. Wheeler told me.

We drove to the home of Dr. David Harms. With the missionary nurse, Frances Crawford, Dr. Harms flies each week to care for medical needs in remote areas of the country and he had just returned from one of these trips. Within the first 17 days following the hurricane he and four volunteer doctors treated more than 6,000 people.

From the doctor's house we

traversed the quaint old city of Tegucigalpa and rode several miles into the country to the campus of Baptist Theological Institute. In November a group of laymen from Virginia and Louisiana had spent a week at the institute building over 200 wood and canvas cots. "The cots were given to hurricane victims living in tents and sleeping on the ground," said Mr. Wheeler. He showed me a sample of the cots the men had made. "This cot is the type people in rural areas sleep on," he said. "They sell for \$11 a bed in the market, but these were made for about \$5 each."

Returning to the hotel we rode past houses with red-tiled roofs, down winding streets lined with tropical trees laden with blossoms, down a hillside as steep as the cog railroad at Rock City, USA. The crowded market, the houses and huts sprawling in confusion almost to the tops of the encircling mountains — somehow reminded me of Hong Kong, except that there was no harbor.

That night with Mr. Wheeler and his wife, Annette, I toured a trade exposition, or fair, in downtown Tegucigalpa, where the Baptist Book Store had an exhibit among the wares from many lands. Also we saw there samples of the tool kits given out after the hurricane.

Mrs. Wheeler and other missionary wives, including Mrs. Grady Nowell and Mrs. David Harms, had been working that week in VBS in the four Baptist churches of the city — Bethel, First, Central, and Luz y Vended (Light and Truth).

We stopped by the latter, an attractive A-frame building, where Mrs. Harms was teaching a night class of adults and intermediates. This church is in a housing project area, Colonia Kennedy (named for JFK who visited the country while he was president.) Of the 250,000 people in Tegucigalpa, 30,000 live in Colonia Kennedy. Middle class people such as teachers and government workers are buying homes there for around \$4,000 to \$5,000. Thus the Baptist church has enormous potential for growth.

When Columbus touched this Central American coast in 1502 he called it Honduras, meaning depths. The country's territory, not quite as large as Mississippi, is broken by rugged mountains and deep valleys. Concerning it, Wayne Wheeler wrote in Middle America, an FMB publication, "Deep are the needs and the longings of the people who are struggling to find their place in the twentieth century. In times of change and uncertainty the unchanging Christ is the only hope of personal stability. Honduran Baptist churches have accepted the challenge to make him known."

Wayne Wheeler, from Georgia, missionary to Honduras, left, is pictured with Jacinto Hernandez in front of the administration

## Dates Set For Series Of Family Life Enrichment Revivals Or Conferences

Dr. J. Clark Hensley, executive director, Christian Action Commission, is cooperating in planning and assisting in a series of family life emphases in various sections of the state. The first in the series is scheduled at McDowell Road Church, Jackson, March 2-5. The second will be at Ridgecrest Church, Jackson, March 9-12, preceded by a pre-Cana conference the church on Friday and Saturday nights from 7-10 p.m., planned especially for engaged couples or those "going steady."

A Parenting Workshop is being sponsored by the Calvary Baptist Church, Jackson, under the leadership of Dick Wagner, family life consultant, Sunday School Board. Some internees have been enlisted by Dr. Hensley to observe in view of such leaders conducting parenting workshops in their own church or neighboring churches.

The next in the series of family life emphases will be in the Northside Church of Clinton March 21-23, followed by Juniper Grove Church, Poplarville, March 28-30. Lincoln County Baptist Association is holding a Family Life Conference April 6-8, with Dr.

John Howell, Midwestern Seminary, Kansas City; Mr. Harold Bergen, Consultant, Family Ministries, Sunday School Board; and Dr. Hensley and others participating. This will be followed by a Family Life Conference in Bolivar County April 9-13, with Dr. David Eden, Columbia, Missouri; Mr. Harold Bergen, Dr. and Mrs. Hensley, Mr. Horace Kerr, Mississippi Council on Aging, and others participating.

Dr. Hensley will then assist First Church, Lucedale, April 13-16, and Southwest Mississippi Pastor - Deacons Retreat, April 18-19, Cartersville Church at the King Arrow Ranch, April 25-26; First Church, Kentwood, La., April 27-30; and First Church, Houston, May 2-4. First Church, Union, will conduct a family life enrichment revival May 18-21, with Dr. Hensley, leading, to be followed by a similar emphasis in Zion Church, Pontotoc, May 23-25.

The spring series of family life emphases will close with a Marriage Enrichment Workshop in Jackson on May 30, followed by a retreat for "singles and formerly marrieds" on the Gulf Coast on May 31.

"Each of these emphases are tailor-made to fit the needs of the local constituency as best one can in the time limits involved," Dr. Hensley stated. Neighboring churches and members of other faiths are invited to participate in any of these activities other than those involving special invitations as the Marriage Enrichment Retreats and Parenting Workshop.

## Webb To Work In Coop. Missions Department

Malcolm Rodney Webb Jr., who will join the staff of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board on March 1, will work in the area of language missions in the Cooperative Missions Department.

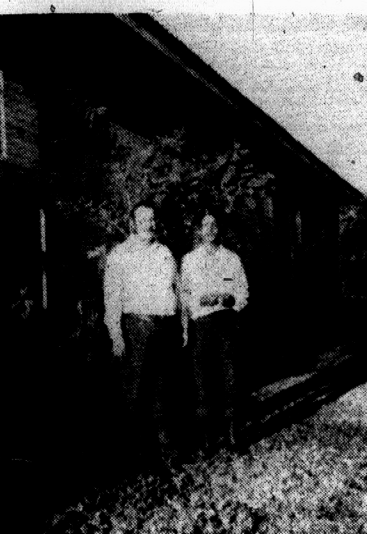
Dr. Foy Rogers is department director.

In addition to working with the deaf, as he has been doing for the Northeast, from his office in Syracuse, N. Y., Webb also will work with other language groups in the state including Mexican, Chinese, and Indian.

## Tippah Association Left Off Workshops

In the Feb. 13 Baptist Record, Dr. James Porch was listed as inspirational speaker at First Baptist Church, Senatobia, on Feb. 23 for the Christian Action Workshop. Dr. John Lee Taylor, pastor of First Church, Grenada, should have been listed.

The workshop scheduled at Falkner Baptist Church, Tippah Association, on Feb. 23 had been omitted on the list. The consultant for this workshop is Rev. Wm. P. Smith, First Church, Nettleton, and the inspirational speaker is Dr. James Porch, Northside, Clinton.



building of Tegucigalpa Baptist Theological Institute. Mr. Wheeler, along with many other responsibilities, directs the institute. Mr. Hernandez is the caretaker.



## Scholarship Student

Dr. William P. Davis, right, presents a scholarship check to Rev. George Daniels of Winona. Rev. Daniels attends Mississippi Baptist Seminary. The scholarship is a part of the William P. Davis Scholarship Fund.

## Southside Church, Jackson, Continues To Move Forward

Lonnie Johnson, Southside Church, Jackson, recently surrendered to the call to the ministry; the following Sunday there was one profession of faith. There have been some members added by letter in the interim period since Rev. S. W. Valentine resigned as pastor and moved to Alaska, according to Hilton Dyer, outgoing deacon chairman. New deacons have been elected with Ralph Jackson as deacon chairman.

The Lottie Moon goal of \$1,000 was reached by the church. The new budget has been prepared and a special denominational emphasis is to be made in April, according to Mr. Dyer. Earl Donahoe is chairman of the Pulpit Committee to seek a new pastor. Dr. J. Clark Hensley has been serving as interim supply during the winter months and conducted the January Bible Study.

Three new deacons were ordained on February 3. They are: Lonnie Rushing, Michael Powell, and Hillary Herrington.

### Church Training

#### PASTOR-DIRECTOR CONFERENCES

Primary Purpose: To interpret the 1975-76 CHURCH: THE SUNDAY NIGHT PLACE promotion plan. Other purposes: To assist directors and pastors to understand their administrative and leadership functions as they relate to Church Training. To assist pastors and directors in planning for the enlargement and improvement of their church training program.

#### Monday, February 24, 1975

Association and Meeting Place	Conference Leader
COPIAH 7:30 p.m. Shady Grove	Norman Rodgers, Director of Youth Work Mississippi Church Training Department
JEFF DAVIS 7:30 p.m. Frentiss	Phil Myers, Minister of Education Parkway Baptist Church, Natchez
LEBANON 7:30 p.m. Ridgecrest	John Sawyer, Director Alabama Church Training Department
LINCOLN 7:30 p.m. Easthaven	Ken Mooney, Minister of Education, Temple Baptist Church, Ruston, Louisiana
MARION 7:00 p.m. Cedar Grove	Glen Williams, Director of Associational Missions McComb
NESHOBA-KEMPER 7:30 p.m. First Philadelphia	Bill Hardy, Minister of Education First Baptist Church, Columbus
PEARL RIVER 7:30 p.m. First Carriere	Kermit S. King, Director Mississippi Church Training Department
SCOTT 7:30 p.m. Steele	Bill Latham, Director of Adult Work Mississippi Church Training Department
WAYNE 7:00 p.m. Calvary, Waynesboro	Ronald Mills, Minister of Education Woodland Hills Baptist Church, Jackson

#### Tuesday, February 25, 1975

Association and Meeting Place	Conference Leader
CLARKE 7:30 p.m. Calvary	Norman Rodgers, Director of Youth Work Mississippi Church Training Department
LAUDERDALE 7:30 p.m. Baptist Center	John Sawyer, Director Alabama Church Training Department
LAWRENCE 7:00 p.m. Calvary	Phil Myers, Minister of Education Parkway Baptist Church, Natchez
NEWTON 7:00 p.m. Beulah	Ken Mooney, Minister of Education, Temple Baptist Church, Ruston, Louisiana
PIKE 7:00 p.m. North McComb	Bill Latham, Director of Adult Work Mississippi Church Training Department
WARREN 7:30 p.m. Highland	Ronald Mills, Minister of Education Woodland Hills Baptist Church, Jackson
WINSTON 7:30 p.m. Macedonia	Bill Hardy, Minister of Education First Baptist Church, Columbus

#### Thursday, February 27, 1975

Association and Meeting Place	Conference Leader
ADAMS-UNION 7:00 p.m. Washington	Glen Williams, Director of Associational Missions McComb
COVINGTON 7:30 p.m. Collins	George Lee, Director of Associational Missions Columbia
LEAKE 7:30 p.m. Sunrise	Norman Rodgers, Director of Youth Work Mississippi Church Training Department
MISSISSIPPI 7:30 p.m. Crosby	Bill Latham, Director of Adult Work Mississippi Church Training Department
RANKIN 7:30 p.m. Paul Truett	Bill Hardy, Minister of Education First Baptist Church, Columbus
SHARKEY-ISSAQUENA 7:30 p.m. First Rolling Fork	Kermit S. King, Director Mississippi Church Training Department
SIMPSON 7:30 p.m. Baptist Center	John Sawyer, Director Alabama Church Training Department

#### Monday, March 3, 1975

Association and Meeting Place	Conference Leader
YAZOO 7:30 p.m. Calvary	Bill Latham, Director of Adult Work Mississippi Church Training Department
HUMPHREYS 7:30 p.m. Calvary	Kermit S. King, Director Mississippi Church Training Department
CLAY 7:30 p.m. First, West Point	Norman A. Rodgers, Director of Youth Work Mississippi Church Training Department

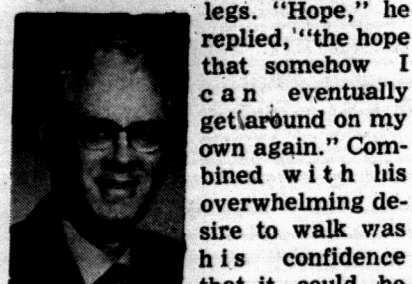
#### Tuesday, March 4, 1975

Association and Meeting Place	Conference Leader
WALTHALL 7:00 p.m. Magee's Creek	Norman Rodgers, Director of Youth Work Mississippi Church Training Department
GEORGE 7:30 p.m. First Lucedale	Bill Latham, Director of Adult Work Mississippi Church Training Department
GREENE 7:30 p.m. First Lakeville	Kermit S. King, Director Mississippi Church Training Department



# Christians Are A People Of Hope

By Wm. J. Falls  
Romans 5:1-5; 8:18-39;  
I Thessalonians 1:1-3;  
I John 3:1-3; Revelation 21:1-7



"What keeps you going?" asked a friend of a man who was learning to walk again after losing both legs. "Hope," he replied, "the hope that somehow I can eventually get around on my own again." Combined with his overwhelming desire to walk was his confidence that it could be done. A parent hopes to see his child come through the stressful years to the threshold of a self-reliant maturity. As God's people have responded to his seeking through the centuries, they have put their hope in him, whatever were the problems of the time. Christians are a people of hope; they yearn to see God's way triumph in human relations; and they believe he will bring it about in his own time.

**The Lesson Explained**  
**The Testament of Hope**  
Although we will study closely only two brief passages from Romans, the background material includes verses from three other New Testament books. Each one reflects a specific threat to the Christian way, but the writer, like a mountain climber, hurls his line of hope up the next crag, confident that God will make it secure. **The Hope of Sharing God's Glory 5:1-5**

Almost from the beginning of this epistle Paul was concerned with justification — man's being made right by God through Christ. Now he begins to write about various ways of looking at the new life of the justified person (5:1 to 8:39).

In this brief passage he talks about the peace and hope in salvation. Having been justified, the saved person feels himself in harmony with God, all because of "our Lord Jesus Christ." He also made it possible for us (the saved ones) to enter by faith into a new relationship with God — the grace

of the loving Father above the law of the cosmic Judge. Thinking of these wondrous blessings, Paul says we "rejoice," which can mean exult or feel triumphant, in the "hope we have of sharing God's glory." This is the expectation of eventually being like God and having eternal fellowship with him.

Verses 3-4 seem parenthetical, as though mentioning "hope" had reminded Paul of the trials believers were enduring and how hope kept them going. They could be glad even while suffering because then they would learn "endurance," and that would develop "character" (a better translation than "experience"), which would lead to stronger hope.

"This hope does not disappoint us" is a clearer rendering in verse 5 than "maketh not ashamed." We can depend on the hope based on God's grace because he has poured his love into our hearts as he has given us the Holy Spirit. We have known this continuing gift (God's love) as it has changed our attitudes toward God, self, and others. God's gift of his Spirit has brought boldness, confidence,

and joy. Our hope for the future is well founded.

Verses 17 referred to the suffering that Christians must endure, and this seemed to remind him again of the "hope" we have in God — the glory that is awaiting us. No suffering could be compared to the marvel of God's revealing us as his sons. Even the "creation" awaits eagerly that climax.

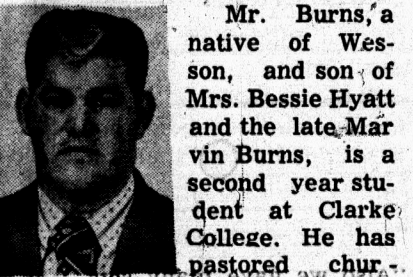
The Greek word that was translated "creature" in verses 19-21 was correctly translated "creation" in verse 22. Here is an unusual idea for us but not for Paul; he found backing for it in Isaiah and in some later Jewish writings. It sees the created universe affected by man's sin. In God's permissive will it was "subjected to futility" (better word than "vanity" for our understanding). But the hope of what God will do eventually for his children is the hope that nature has for its own liberation from decay. The yearning of nature for that time is like the groans and pain of a woman in childbirth.

Believers also yearn for that time of full fellowship with God, but they at least have received the "first installment" of the Spirit. In the Old Testament the firstfruits were presented to God to express thanksgiving for the expected full harvest. God's gift of the Spirit was the promise of greater fellowship to come. At God's appointed time his adoption of believers — making them his sons in a final way — would be accomplished, and the whole being (more than the physical body) would be set free.

The last two verses suggest that the hope that has saved us is far greater than we can imagine. If we think we can see it or already have achieved it, then it is no longer hope. Why hope for that which we have seen or experienced? Since our hope is still unseen, we must wait for it patiently.

## Mt. Nebo Calls Rev. C. W. Burns

Mt. Nebo Church, Rt. 2, Collinsville (Newton) recently called Rev. Carl Wayne Burns as pastor.



Mr. Burns, a native of West-son, and son of Mrs. Bessie Hyatt and the late Marvin Burns, is a second year student at Clarke College. He has pastored churches in Clarke County and went to Mt. Nebo from Burnside Church in Neshoba County. He is married to Belinda Carol Foshee of Terry, and they have a daughter, Debra LeAnn.

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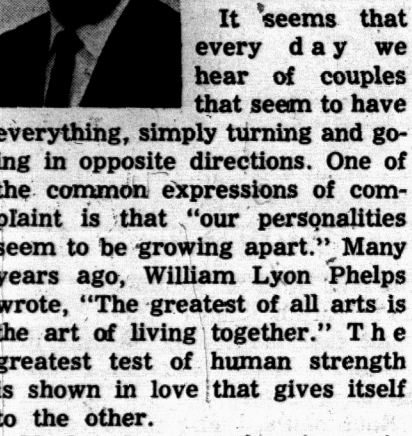
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## Sunday School Lesson: Life and Work

# Merging Two Lives In Missions

By Bill Duncan  
Acts 18:1-3, 18, 24-28;  
Romans 16:3-5

Everyone seems to be concerned about what is happening in the home. We have the technology to carry on conversations with people on the moon, but we have lost the art of communication in the home.



It seems that every day we hear of couples that seem to have everything, simply turning and going in opposite directions. One of the common expressions of complaint is that "our personalities seem to be growing apart." Many years ago, William Lyon Phelps wrote, "The greatest of all arts is the art of living together." The greatest test of human strength is shown in love that gives itself to the other.

Much of our unhappiness in marriage is because we do not know the source of happiness. Happiness runs from those who chase it, slips from those who grasp it, evaporates from those who demand it. Happiness is a by-product. We find our deepest joy in bringing love to others. The crises in a home are aggravated when either husband or wife demands his own happiness.

Most couples grow apart because the Lord does not rule in their hearts. When Christ is Lord there is a common denominator that gives them a way to see everything together. Our need is more than just bringing our homes to its maximum state of happiness. It is the creation of an atmosphere through which God can move into our house and through our house to the neighbors and the world.

The story of the merging of a husband and wife in missions is the basis of our study today. Aquila and Priscilla made a life long friend with Paul. Most people gether by a common trade. But gether by a common trade. But there was much more:

When a home is ruled by the word of God  
Angels might be asked to stay with us,  
And they would not find themselves  
Out of their element.

C. H. Spurgeon.  
There is no record of the conversion of Aquila and Priscilla. Therefore we assume that they were believers in Rome before

Paul met them in Corinth. The couple was forced to leave Rome because of government expulsion.

When Paul left Athens and came to Corinth, he needed friends like this Christian couple. In a common trade, with a common commitment, and with a warm heart for hospitality their friendship grew. Paul suffered from deep emotional depression upon reaching Corinth.

The home of Aquila and Priscilla was the place of operation for the church. There was no building except the synagogue.

When Paul left Corinth to return to Antioch, Aquila and Priscilla went with him. They were free to travel, but they did so with a purpose to be a part of God's mission program. As a result, when Paul begins his third missionary journey we find the dedicated couple with him in Ephesus.

At Ephesus a young preacher named Apollos came under the influence of Aquila and Priscilla. Apollos had been instructed in the way of the Lord and spoke and taught accurately the story of Jesus, but he knew only the baptism of John. The couple was impressed with Apollos' remarkable qualities and potential for the ministry, but sensing some deficiencies in his understanding of the Gospel, Aquila and Priscilla invited him to their home and expounded the new way to him in greater detail.

It seems that this story is given to show how there were many witnesses besides Paul. Some needed help; concerned people like Aquila and Priscilla were used by God to correct erroneous and incomplete expressions of Christianity. This story also shows how that Paul's understanding and interpretation of the Gospel was the accepted teaching.

When Apollos, who knew Jesus as a figure in history, came to know him as a living presence, his power as a preacher must have increased. For now to his knowledge was added power. This Christian couple must have received a sense of joy from seeing the wonderful change.

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Left to right: Rev. A. M. Moore, pastor, Pass Road; Paul Sullivan, Sunday School director, Pass Road; "Dub" Herring, Sunday School director, Bay Vista; Rev. Allen Stephens, pastor, Bay Vista.

## Pass Road Challenges Bay Vista In SS Attendance Campaign

Recently two Gulf Coast churches concluded a Sunday School attendance campaign with a hamburger supper and joint evening worship service. Bay Vista of Biloxi was challenged to the contest by Pass Road Church of Gulfport with the loser treating the winner to a meal.

Pass Road was the loser, and paid off. However, both pastors, Rev. Allen Stephens, Bay Vista, and Rev. A. M. Moore III, Pass Road, agree that neither church really lost because both increased their average Sunday School attendance significantly.

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## Devotional

## Where Are You Hurting?

By Fred Trexler, Jr., Pastor, First, Richton

Are you facing a problem that needs a solution? Are you carrying a burden that needs to be lifted? Is something bothering you today? You are worried about a family difficulty in your home. You are feeling lonely and forsaken. You have a physical pain in your body. You are very sad because a person close to you has died. You need help. You are longing for an answer to your need. A solution to your suffering.



Jesus said: "Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart; and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light" (Matthew 11:28-30).

Every person who comes to Jesus will receive a blessing from him. The children did. When they were brought to Jesus he took them into his arms and blessed them. Jesus will bless your home when you let him have his way. Take time for family worship together everyday.

The woman did. The Bible tells us that she had an issue of blood twelve years and had suffered a great deal. She came to Jesus and touched his clothes and was healed. Jesus said her faith in him had made it possible.

Jairus, the ruler of the synagogue, did, because his daughter died. Jesus told him not to be afraid but simply to believe. The people laughed, but the daughter lived again.

The man with the unclean spirit did. They even put chains on him. However, Jesus cured him by causing the demons to come out.

The woman taken in adultery did. Jesus forgave her and told her not to sin any more.

The world is full of trouble and people are filled with problems. Jesus Christ is still the answer. However, God never promised us some kind of insurance policy against trials, difficulties, and tragedies. He did promise us himself. When problems arise and trouble comes, we can go to him for help. He knows the best way and that is why we must trust him. God can do anything. He knows you and your need. Take it to him in prayer. Seek his direction. God works through people and may lead you to someone for help.

"And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose." (Romans 8:28). Take your burdens to the Lord and leave them there.

## 30 More Associations To Be Involved In Pastor-Director Conferences

Approximately 30 associations in the state will be involved during the next two weeks in Pastor-Director Conferences in the interest of their Church Training programs. This will complete a series of such conferences which will involve sixty-six associations in the state according to Kermit S. King, Director of the Mississippi Church Training Department.

These conferences have been planned to interpret the 1975-76 CHURCH: THE SUNDAY NIGHT PLACE and to assist pastors and directors in enlarging and improving their Church Training programs.

A schedule for these conferences

appears in this week's issue of THE BAPTIST RECORD. These will be predominantly those associations in the southern half of the state.

## Eret (Wayne) Calls Pastor

Rev. Donald Campbell has accepted a call as pastor of Eret Church, Wayne County.

Natives of Clarke County, he and his wife, Linda, have moved to the church field and have begun there. Mrs. Campbell is a graduate of University of Southern Mississippi.



## Fairfield Dedicates Sanctuary

Fairfield Church, Moselle, dedicated their new sanctuary, Jan. 19, with Rev. Roy Collum as speaker. The \$12,000 edifice has only \$12,000 debt on it. Building committee members were: John Bryant, A. B. Rainey, Thad Watkins, John McKenzie, Harold Daughtrey. The appointments committee members were Mrs. Glenda-Rae Knight, Mrs. Verlee Rainey, Mrs. Pat Carter, Mrs. Margrea Watkins. Rev. J. F. Sumner, Jr. is the pastor. The Fairfield church gives 10% of its budget to the Cooperative Program.

## Pascagoula's Calvary To Present "The King Is Coming" At 1st, Richton

Pascagoula's Calvary Church will present their original dramatic musical, "The King Is Coming" for the 46th time, Saturday, February 22. This appearance will be at 7 p.m. at First Church, Richton.

"The King Is Coming" is an original production concerning the latter days and second coming of Christ. Mrs. Laurie Burkes, a member of Calvary, is author of the script, and Mrs. Byron Mathis, director of the Sanctuary Choir,

set the script to music and drama.

Involved in the production is the Sanctuary Choir and approximately 40 youth and adult characters for the drama.

Evangelist Buddy Mathis is featured in character narrations, and also accompanies the choir with his trumpet.

An invitation is given at the close of each performance, and scores of decisions have been registered as a result of this production.

## Specialized Church Administration Workshops Set At Conference Centers

NASHVILLE — Two "Church Administration Spring Workshops" designed for church staff members will be conducted at Glorieta (N. M.) and Ridgecrest (N. C.) Baptist Conference Centers this spring.

The Glorieta conference will be held March 10-14; while the dates for the Ridgecrest workshop are April 7-11.

These workshops are designed for ministers of education, business administrators, church secretaries, building superintendents, housekeeping personnel, food service directors, church hostesses and Weekday Early Education workers.

In addition to the specialized workshops, there will be two-hour daily Bible conferences. Bible teachers will include Jack MacGorman, professor at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth, at Glorieta, and Jess Moody, pastor of First Baptist Church, West Palm Beach, Fla., at Ridgecrest.

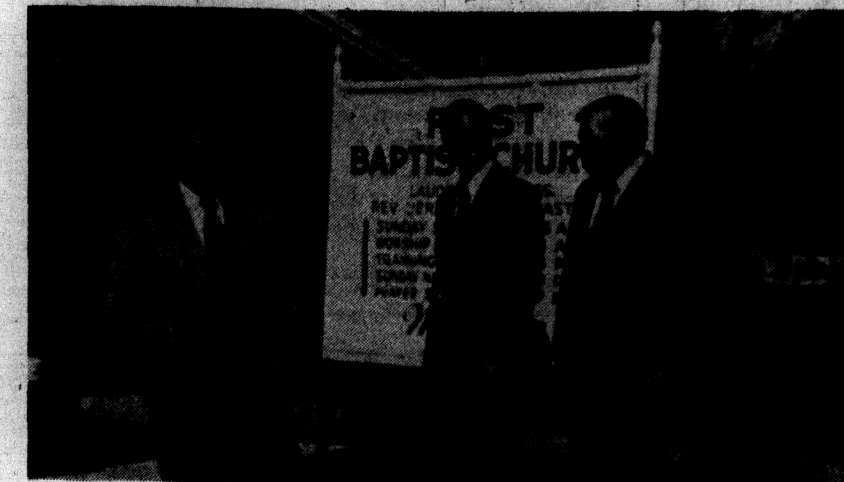
## Crestwood Goes Over LM Goal

Crestwood Church, Jackson, had a goal for Little Moon Foreign Mission Offering of \$500 and went over our goal, with a total of \$512.10. The interim pastor is Rev. Robert G. Stewart.



## Wake Forest Installs New Steeple

Wake Forest (Oktibbeha) has installed a new steeple, above. Rev. Phillip Gillis moved on the field in 1973, this being his first pastorate. Since then the church has installed a baptistry, and paid for it. A church sign has been erected by the young adults in Church Training, and the steeple donated. New light fixtures are now being installed. Attendance has almost doubled in all services, in the past year and a half. Pastor Gillis says, "All the glory belongs to the Lord."



## First, Lauderdale, Dedicates Building

First Church, Lauderdale, recently dedicated a multi-purpose building which contains Sunday School rooms, pastor's study, church office, fellowship, and recreational space. The dedication service was a milestone in the life of this young church. A former pastor, James Rawlings, offered the prayer of dedication; the message of dedication was delivered by Leon Young, director of missions for Lauderdale Association. Left to right: Rawlings, Jerry Bishop, pastor, and Young.



## Slayden Dedicates Pastorium

Slayden Church (Marshall) has completed a new pastorium, with three bedrooms, combination study and "Elijah Room," three baths, living room, dining room, kitchen, and den. Rev. Ray Butler, his wife, and four children have moved into the home. January 26 was Dedication Day, with open house. (Building Committee: Bryon Hurdle, chairman, W. G. Carpenter, Dick Sanders, Mike Cunningham, Mrs. Doris Stone, Mrs. Kathy Crawford, and Mrs. Sallie Brewer.)

## Note Burnings



Gregory Chapel Church, Amory, held a note-burning service Jan. 12 after settling the indebtedness on the church facilities Jan. 6. Taking part in the service were, left to right, Clayton Adams, deacon; Rev. Norman Reese, pastor; and James Wall, deacon. Not pictured is Philip Waycaster, a deacon, who also took part in the service. Gregory Chapel was organized on Oct. 22, 1922 in the old Gregory School building with 11 charter members. The present building was dedicated on Aug. 30, 1964. It was begun under leadership of Rev. J. W. Oliver. The church celebrated its 50th anniversary on Oct. 22, 1972. At the end of 1974 the church enrollment was 141. Many improvements to the building have been made over the past few years.



Mt. Zion (Rankin) recently held a noteburning, symbolizing the paying off of all church debts during 1974. The note was burned by Russell Tucker, trustee and charter member. Onlookers include deacons Maynard Lewis, Marvin Lewis, Freddie Byrd, and Waverly Cleveland, and Pastor Harold McLendon. This service was held on the afternoon of Homecoming Day. Rev. Johnny Jones of Pearl; a former pastor, was featured speaker. Richard Sullivan, music director, led a service of praise through song.



THE PASTOR and three trustees of Southside Church, Aberdeen, are shown in December, 1974, at a note burning service. Made for \$50,000 in 1968 for construction of additional educational space, this note was for fifteen years; it was paid off in five years and nine months, leaving the church debt free. However, plans have been completed for construction of a new auditorium this spring. Left to right: pastor Richard Vaden, trustees, Arnette King, Alvin Dahlem, Bobby Bogan.

## Puckett-Sanders Building Begun

Bay Springs Church, Route 1 Porterville, has announced construction of a new \$17,000 educational and youth center as part of their reach-out emphasis begun last Spring.

The education unit will be dedicated to the memory of Tom Puckett, Sr. who was a life time member of the church and chairman of deacons at his death. Mr. Puckett made many contributions to Bay Springs during his years of service. The members agreed, in a 100% vote, to name the building in his honor.

The youth center will be dedicated to the memory of Lora B. Sanders, long time member of the church, dedicated to her church and active in her community. She had influence with youth and always had their best interest at heart. This youth center is a dream, come true to Bay Springs youth workers, as well as the youth, in an effort to give young people a good place to spend time together under a Christian influence.

The structure will be split-level, of brick - veneer. In addition to the youth center, it will house the fellowship hall, a church office, nursery, pastor's study, library, restrooms, and six badly needed class rooms, with central heat and air.

## Third Generation Church Clerk Dies At Zion Hill

Ruby Huff (Aaron), born December 21, 1902, the daughter of Robert Fulton Huff and Perla Jacobs Huff, died in Amite County on December 3, 1974, at the age of 71.

Mrs. Aaron had been a resident of Amite County her entire lifetime, having married Charlie Dewey Aaron on December 28, 1938, who survived her, both being members of pioneer Amite County families.

Mrs. Aaron was a teacher in the public schools for 40 years prior to her retirement in 1968, and taught one year after her retirement in private school.

She joined Zion Hill Baptist Church in 1923, and served there as church clerk from 1938 until her death, having succeeded her grandfather W. R. Jacobs (who was church clerk from 1881 until 1938) and her great-grandfather Micajah Jones (church clerk from 1861 until 1881).

Mrs. Aaron also taught Sunday School.

Members of Zion Hill have acknowledged their appreciation and gratitude for the services of Mrs. Aaron, in a resolution they adopted February 2.

Preachers should learn that for a sermon to be immortal, it need not be eternal.



## Student-Pastor Banquet At BMC

Annually the Department of Cooperative Missions, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, arranges for a student-pastor banquet to be held at each of the state's Baptist colleges. Program participants at Blue Mountain College banquet at 1975 were, left to right—Dr. Foy Rogers, director, Cooperative Missions Department; Therman Bryant, associate in the Department; Dr. Earl Kelly, executive secretary, MBCEB; Dr. E. Harold Fisher, President, BMC; William Washburn, academic dean, BMC; and Dr. James L. Travis, professor of Bible and advisor for the BMC Ministerial Alliance, master of ceremonies for the banquet.

## Roxie Church Calls Horace Carpenter

Rev. Horace Carpenter has accepted the pastorate of Roxie Church in Franklin County, effective February 18.

For the past five years Mr. Carpenter has been pastor of Sandersville Church, Jones County. He led the church in the erection of a new pastorium and other phases of progress and growth such as a summer youth program. He has served as a convention board member and as associational Church Training Director.

Mr. Carpenter previously served as pastor of Roxie Church for over nine years. He is married to the former Henrietta Tucker of Delhi, Louisiana. They have one son, Charles Carpenter, who is chief medical technologist at the Natchez Community Hospital.

## Homecoming At Calvary Church

Calvary church, Waynesboro, will have homecoming on March 9, and will observe the 27th anniversary of the church. The pastor, Rev. Robert J. Sanderson, will bring the message at 11, and dinner will be served in the fellowship hall. "This is a time when former pastors, members and friends can be together for a day of worship and fellowship, and see what God has wrought at Calvary," states the pastor.

He extends an invitation to former members and friends.

## H. E. Ingraham Dies In Nashville

NASHVILLE (BP) — H. E. Ingraham, retired director of the service division for the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board, died in Nashville of a heart attack. He was 76 years old.

Ingraham, an employee of the board for 43 years, served as associate and secretary of the department of Sunday School administration, associate editor and editor of the Sunday School Builder, Sunday School Board business manager, and director of service division before his retirement in 1966.

A native of Georgia, he was the educational director of Main Street Baptist Church in Jacksonville, Fla., before moving to the Sunday School Board in 1922.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Sybil Ley Ingraham, and two children.

## Off The Record

A small boy was complaining rather loudly because the evangelist who was preaching at the church he attended preached so much longer than the pastor he was accustomed to.

"Now, Son," his father reprimanded, "that's none of your concern. God tells preachers what to preach on. He tells them what to say and when to begin and how long to preach and when to quit."

"Well that explains it," the boy replied. "I know what happened. God told the evangelist what to preach on. He told him what to say and got him started. Then he went off somewhere else and started another preacher. After a while he noticed what time it was; and he said, 'my goodness, I've forgotten and gone off and left that evangelist running.'"

—Burkement Banner

Doctor to patient: "You have a slight coronary. I wouldn't worry about it."

Patient: "Doctor, if you had a slight coronary— I wouldn't worry about it either."

—Ralph Land

A teacher was telling her class about the discovery of the law of gravity.

"Sir Isaac Newton was sitting on the ground looking at a tree," she explained. "An apple fell on his head, and from that, he discovered gravitation. Wasn't that wonderful?"

"It sure was," piped a small lad in the back of the room, "and if he had been sittin' in a school lookin' at his books, he wouldn't have discovered nothin'!"

When the medical man came home to find his basement flooding, he immediately called the new plumber in town. The latter arrived, found and fixed the trouble in five minutes and presented a bill on the spot for \$100.

"Why that's outrageous!" exclaimed the doctor. "It works out to over a thousand dollars an hour! I'm a transplant surgeon and I don't make that kind of money."

"Yes, I know," deadpanned the plumber. "Neither did I, when I was a transplant surgeon."